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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, will despatch the S. S. ASSYRIA, 1,494 Tons, 300 H. P., Commander Henshaw, as above from Kurrachee on SATURDAY, the 18th December. Cargo and Passengers can be booked from Bombay and all the Ports at which the Company's Steamers touch.

The ASSYRIA is fitted in the usual style of the Company's Vessels, and has excellent accommodation for 24 First-class Passengers and 16 Second-class.

The Kurrachee Steamers leaving Bombay on FRIDAY, the 10th Dec., and on MONDAY, the 13th inst., with Cargo and Passengers, will be in time for her at Kurrachee.

For Freight or Passage apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 20th November 1875.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers and Cargo every week.

The S.S. KHANDALLA, 2,049 Tons, 221 H. P., Commander G. W. Wicks, will be despatched on SATURDAY next, the 4th December 1875, at 4 P. M.

	Dec. 1875.		Dec. 1875.
Leaves BOMBAY	4	Leaves Colombo	13
„ Ratnagherry	5	„ Galle	14
„ Vingorla	6	„ Negapatam	17
„ Carwar	7	„ Madras	19
„ Mangalore	7	„ Coconada	21
„ Cannanore	Dec. 8	„ Visagapatam	22
„ Tellicherry	8	„ Bimlipatam	22
„ Calicut	9	„ Calingapatam	23
„ Beypore	10	„ Gopalpore	23
„ Cochin	10	„ Point Pedro	25
„ Alleppey	10	Arrives CALCUTTA	26
„ Tuticorin	12		

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line home or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

Also for Batavia, Sourabaya, Tjillatjap, Palembang, Pontianak, Ataheen, Padang and Molucco Islands, to go forward by the Messageries Maritime and Netherlands India S. N. Companies.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, via KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company or other Steamers.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every week to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADEL, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, MOHAMMERAH, occasionally at BAHREIN, and MAHOMERAH.

The S. S. COCONADA, 861 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Monro, will be despatched on FRIDAY next, the 10th December 1875, at 4 P.M.

	Dec. 1875.		Dec. 1875.
Leaves BOMBAY	10	Leaves BUSHIR	29
„ Kurrachee	14	„ Mahomerah	29
„ Guader	16	„ Feo	29
„ Jask	18	„ Bahrein	31
„ Bunder Abbas	19	„ Linga	Jan. 1876. 5
„ Linga	21	„ Bunder Abbas	7
„ Bushire	23	„ Muscat	9
„ Feo	25	„ Kurrachee	14
„ Mahomerah	25	Arrives BOMBAY	17
Arrives BUSHIRE	26		

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE CALLING AT KATTYAWAR COAST PORTS.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, will, during the Fair season, despatch a Steamer every FRIDAY, at 4 P.M., and an Extra Steamer on every MONDAY at 2 P.M.

The S. S. INDIA, 1083 Tons, 142 H. P., Commander J. Mendanson, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 6th December 1875, at 2 P.M., calling at Verawul, Porebunder, Mangalore, and Outch Mandvie.

The S. S. COCONADA, 861 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Monro, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 10th December 1875, at 4 P.M.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE BOMBAY for GENOA, and on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGERS' RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	£22	£15	£4	Without food.
Suez	38	29	9	
Port Said	38	24	9	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14	
Marseilles	50	29	14-10	

Children under 2 years, free of charge. Children not above 7 years, half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY:—

SUMATRA, to sail on SATURDAY, 1st January 1876.
ASSIRIA, to sail on SATURDAY, 15th January 1876.
BATAVIA, to sail on TUESDAY, 1st February 1876.
AUSTRALIA, to sail on TUESDAY, 15th February 1876.

From the 1st January 1876 Steamers will leave Genoa on the 24th, and Bombay on the 1st and 15th of every month, until further notice.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second-Class accommodation; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c, apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
No. 9, Hummum Street,
Bombay, 20th August 1875.

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Apply at the Manager, *Bombay Gazette* Office, Fort, Bombay.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other first-class Vessels will be despatched for EUROPE

Vessels.	Captains.	Tons.	H.P.	Dec.	
VENETIA	G. J. Babot	2726	450	6th	Southampton.
MONGOLIA	A. Coleman	2853	550	13th	Suez, &c.
CATHAY	R. T. Dundas	2983	500	20th	Southampton

Passengers are booked to Malta, Gibraltar and Southampton by every Mail. The Southampton Steamers proceed to that port direct; but by the alternate Steamers passengers change Vessels at Suez.

Passengers to Brindisi, Ancona, and Venice are carried by every Steamer, but proceed by rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon, on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M. precisely on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 19th November 1875.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On TUESDAY, the 14th Dec. 1875, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon,

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. GEELONG, (1,834 Tons), Captain C. Fraser, will be despatched as above carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo to Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on SATURDAY, the 11th December 1875.

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Bombay, 30th November 1875. Superintendent.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL via SUEZ CANAL.

THE following or other First Class Steamers of the ANCHOR LINE will sail from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL as underneath, and will be despatched from Bombay to Liverpool on or about the dates mentioned. A fortnight's notice will be given of the exact day of sailing.,

	From Glasgow.	Liverpool.	Bombay.
	Tons H.P.	Saturday.	Wednesday.
INDIA	2220 500	23rd Oct.	30th Oct. 15th Dec.
MACEDONIA	2273 486	6th Nov.	13th Nov. 5th Jan.

To be followed by regular sailings.

All the Steamers of this Line carry a Surgeon and a Stewardess, and have superior First Class accommodation fitted with every convenience. They have also exceptionally good Second Class accommodation.

Passengers and Cargo booked through to New York in connection with the Anchor Line Transatlantic Service.

Fares from Bombay to Liverpool.		Suez.
FIRST CLASS	Rs. 500	Rs. 350
SECOND CLASS	„ 300	„ 200

A reduction of 15 per cent. will be given on Return Passages if all who re-embark by Anchor Line Steamer within twelve months of time of landing.

For Passage, Freight, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents,
Bombay, 6th October 1875.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

FOR LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL, TO SAIL WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

THE powerful Steamer INDIA, 2,289 Tons, 500 H. P., J. Harris, Commander, will sail for LIVERPOOL from BOMBAY via Suez Canal on WEDNESDAY, 15th December. This steamer has superior first class accommodation fitted with every comfort and convenience. The saloon is large and well ventilated and the Punkas are worked by steam.

For Passage, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
Agents.
Bombay, 1st December 1875.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES STREET.

WEEKLY SALE.

THIS DAY SATURDAY, the 4th instant, Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their rooms, a large quantity of grey and coloured piece goods, a lot of illumination lamps, flags, &c.

On account of the concerned;

A lot of Machinery, &c.

(The property of a Gentleman)

A first rate grand square piano by Broadwood & Sons.

AT 1 P. M.

A grey Arab horse.
A Chesnut galloway.
A handsome English built miniature brougham.
Ex Cardigan Castle.
A very handsome English spaniel, dog.
A black and tan English terrier dog.
An English satter do.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and handsome English walnutwood, Mahogany, and richly carved blackwood household furniture, splendid pier glasses with console tables, Tucker's 2, 4, 6 and 8 light argand chandeliers, work tables, dolies, rich Brussel's and Persian carpets, plated, glass and porcelainware, first class carriages, horses, &c., at Victoria Road, Byculla.

On WEDNESDAY, the 15th December, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at his residence at the abovementioned place, the very valuable and handsome household furniture, carriages, horses, &c., the property of Hoosein Afundee, Esquire, Turkish Consul, leaving Bombay.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of handsome French polished household furniture, plated, glass, and porcelain ware, a black Australian horse, gelding, good charger, goes in harness, carries a lady, 15-2½, stands fit to, ridden at camp exercise; a grey Arab horse, charger, constantly ridden by a lady, 14-1½, stands fine; 2 Cunrat buffaloes, one recently calved, gives from 8 to 10 seers milk per day, a hill tent with routy, &c., at H. M.'s House of Correction, Byculla.

On FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at his residence, at the above mentioned place, the handsome household furniture, horses, &c., the property of Major Prendergast Walsh proceeded to Europe.

Full particulars will be given hereafter.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome French polished household furniture, made to order, best plated, rich crockery and glass ware, a first class full toned semi grand piano, by "Broadwood and Sons," rich Brussels carpets, handsome China gilt jars, vases and table ornaments, a first class English built open carriage by Ness Brothers, in excellent order, a pair of bay Australian carriage horses, over 15 hands, sets of best English brass mounted carriage harness, gas fittings, choice plants, &c., at Malabar Hill.

On TUESDAY, the 14th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence, at the above mentioned place, the valuable and handsome household furniture, piano, carriage, horses, &c., the property of Henry Gamble, Esq., Official Assignee.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 5 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF NEAT AND MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PLATED, GLASS, AND PORCELAINWARE PIANO, &c.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 4th inst., at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction in a Tent, opposite their room, Esplanade, the neat and modern household furniture, plated, glass, and porcelainware, piano, &c., the property of gentleman proceeding to Europe, the same comprising glass-ware, handsome dinner and dessert service, plated ware such as hotwater carry dishes, cruet and pickle frames, tea set, waiter, table and chamber candlesticks, &c., handsomely carved blackwood furniture, such as a set of camp tables three pieces pieces, side-board, dining room chairs, screens, what-nots, circular, pier and writing tables, easy and drawing-room chairs, conversation sofas, Lady's davenport, chiffoniers, large drawingroom carpet, a first-rate sweet toned mahogany grand-square piano "T. Solmes," four posts bedstead, reclining couches, dressing and washing tables, toilet and cheval glasses, clothes and gown presses, wardrobe, child's cots and cradles, dispense articles, &c.

No catalogues, and the property is now on view.

AUCTION SALE OF COTIA.

On MONDAY, the 6th instant, at 3 P. M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to submit to public auction at Frere Bunder, by order of Issac Oomlance, the Mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of Sullaman Amdance, the Mortgagor:—

Cotia "Sugar Pursad."

25 per cent. deposit will be required at the time of sale.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and handsome household furniture, plated, glass, and porcelainware, &c., at bungalow, lately occupied by the late Dr. Ward, Malabar Hill.

On MONDAY, the 13th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the abovementioned place the valuable and handsome household furniture, plated, glass and porcelainware, &c., the property of Honorable Mr. A. M. Rogers, changing residence.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of the valuable landed property known as the Apollo House, situate d at the junction of Apollo and Marine Streets within the Fort of Bombay. Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction on the premises on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of December 1875, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the undermentioned valuable landed property:—

All that piece or parcel of land with the two storied house standing thereon, suitable for offices or shops, situated at the junction of Apollo and Marine Streets, within the Fort of Bombay, admeasuring 930 and four-ninths square yards or thereabouts, registered in the books of the Collector of Bombay under Nos. 12 and 13, and in the books of the Collector of Assessment under No. 29 and bounded on the North side by a warehouse and offices on the South side by the junction of Apollo and Marine Streets, on the east side by Marine street and on the west side by Apollo Street.

For further particulars and conditions of sale and for inspection of title deeds of the property apply to Messrs. Rimington, Hore, and Langley, Solicitors, Apollo Street or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 4th December 1875.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & COMPANY,
No. 13, APPOLO STREET.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 4th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co. will sell by public auction at their room in Apollo Street, No. 13.

An invoice of Bohemian glass gilt painted flower vases, punch bowls, liquor sets, glass, crockery and plated ware, remnant pieces of white and coloured flannel, Cashmere silk barages, muslin, water silk, Holland chints, sock, handkerchiefs, English clocks, &c.

Also by order of the Superintendent of Stamps, wooden benches, chairs, stands for stamping press, stone trestles, opir mattings, stools, box, ladder, old iron, &c.

Also by order of the Superintendent of Stamps, wooden benches, chairs, stands for stamping press, stone trestles, opir mattings, stools, box, ladder, old iron, &c.

Blackwood carved furniture, such as circular, dining, pier ladies' work, and card tables, arm and without arm chairs, book, and whatstands, clothes and gown presses, towel horses, &c.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 4th December, 1875.

SALE BY AUCTION.

BOMONJEE DOSSABHOY, AUCTIONEER,
NO. 3, MEADOW STREET, opposite to the "Bombay Gazette."

AUCTION SALE of landed property at Mahim, near Mahomedan Durgha, by the order of the Mortgagee Syed Esmail bin Syed Bapoo Saheb, and on account and risk of the Mortgagors Ebrahim Saheb bin Abdool Rahim Sutkojee and Ally Saheb bin Abdool Rahim Sutkojee.

BOMANJEE DOSSABHOY will sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 4th instant, at 4 o'clock P.M., on the premises.

All that dwelling house standing on the Fazandari ground situate at Mahim in the sub-district of Mazagon on the Western side of the Mahim Road and assessed under No. 46 and containing by admeasurement 79 square yards be the same little more or less and bounded as follows:. On North, South, and West by the Oart of Hajee Abrahim Jettakur and on the East by the Oart or Bhawoo Trimbuck and which said house was formerly in the possession of Abdool Rahim Sutkojee and now in the possession of Ebrahim Saheb bin Abdool Rahim Sutkajee and Ally Saheb bin Abdool Rahim surviving.

Terms—25 per cent will be taken as deposit money at the time of sale.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION AT THE ROOM OF THE UNDERSIGNED—

The property of a gentleman.

A nearly new light English built Park phaeton with lamp, pole and shaft by E. Kesterton. The above to be seen on a day's previous notice to the undersigned.

ALSO

A commodious English built buggy with lamp by E. Kesterton. *Just Landed.*

A small handsome hansom cab, with couchback in the front, can be converted into a self-driving cab, the coachbox being thrown behind. Expressly made for up-country use.

A very handsome new English built miniature landau painted dark green, lining to match, by J. W. Bettyes, Dalston.

ALSO.

A new miniature landau painted dark green, lining to match, with lamps, poles and shaft.

Two very handsome English built broughams, by E. Kesterton and Davis.

One handsome nearly new English built waggonette.

One four seated phaeton.

One landau sociable.

BOMONJEE DOSSABHOY,
Auctioneer and Commission Agent.

Bombay, 4th December 1875.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TOWN HALL.

GREAT ATTRACTION.

GRAND INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL CONCERT

THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 4TH, BY THE

CARANDINI

OPERATIC & BALLAD COMPANY,

ASSISTED BY THE SPLENDID

BAND OF THE 1ST BATTALION 2ND QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT,

By the kind permission of MAJOR HIBBERT and OFFICERS.

REDUCTION IN THE CHARGE OF ADMISSION.

RESERVED SEATS, Re. 2.

PROMENADE & limited number of Chairs, Re. 1.

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Just Published. Price—One Rupee.

THE THEORY OF RELEVANCY for the purpose of Judicial Evidence; by G. C. Whitworth, C.S.

THACKER, VINING & Co.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.—The Coasting Steamer leaving on TUESDAYS home to C-RWAR and BACK has been UNAVOIDABLY WITHDRAWN in the meantime.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 4th December 1875.

THE
PENAL CODE ACT XLV. OF 1860,
(FIFTH EDITION)
AS AMENDED BY LATER ENACTMENTS
WITH
RULINGS OF ALL THE HIGH COURTS IN INDIA AND THE CHIEF COURTS IN THE PUNJAUB, OUDH, AND THE CENTRAL PROVINCES,
ILLUSTRATED BY NUMEROUS DECISIONS
FROM THE
EXISTING BODY OF THE LAW IN ENGLAND,
AND WITH
NOTES FROM THE REPORTS OF THE LAW COMMISSIONERS AND FRAMERS OF THE ORIGINAL CODES, NOTES ON EVIDENCE, LEGAL MAXIMS, ETC.
BY
FENDALL CURRIE, Esquire, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law, and of the Oudh Commission.

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Meadow Street.

THE SASSOON SPINNING and WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.—NOTICE is hereby given to SHAREHOLDERS who have not yet PAID their several CALLS on shares held by them in the Company, that in the event of the same NOT BEING PAID WITH INTEREST due thereon, at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Church Gate Street, Fort, on or before the 4th day of January 1876, such shares will be LIABLE to be FORFEITED in manner laid down by the Company's Articles of Association—Dated 3rd December 1875.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
COOVERJEE RUSTOMJEE MODY,
Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given, that BAI RUTTONBAI, Widow of PARSI BURJORJEE MERWANJEE MALWI, both CONTRACTED and AGREED to SELL the fee-simple and inheritance free from all incumbrances of and in all that 3 pieces or parcels of LAND or GROUND with the Messuages, Tenements or Dwelling House consisting of three compartments, hereditaments and premises standing thereon, situate fronting on the North of the Nizampora Street, without the Fort, in the Island of Bombay, in the Sub-district of Bhooleswar, which said pieces or parcels of Land contain by admeasurement 282 square yards or thereabouts, and are assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 227 and 230, and which said dwelling house and premises are assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Nos. 59 and 60 and are bounded on or towards the East by the property belonging to Mr. Cumroodin Tyabjee and others, on or towards the West by the property of Jamsetjee Pestonjee Dadrow Ila, on or towards the North by the Borah Street, and on or towards the South by the aforesaid Nizampora Street. All persons having any claim upon the said hereditaments and premises by way of Inheritance, Mortgage or in anywise whatever, are hereby required to make the same known to us as Solicitors for the purchaser within fourteen days from the date hereof, failing which the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claims.

Dated this 3rd day of December 1875.

JEFFERSON AND PAYNE,
Solicitors for the Purchaser.

SPECIAL SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHERRY, to close an account—A few dozens of LINDSAY'S well known SHERRY at Rs. 20 per dozen.
HENRY DODS and Co.

DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA
The best remedy for
ACIDITY OF THE STOMACH, HEARTBURN, HEADACHE, GOUT AND INDIGESTION,
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JOYCE'S TREBLE WATERPROOF CENTRAL-FIRE PERCUSSION CAPS.
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For Ladies and Gentlemen. A soft double Hat for warm climates. Can be folded and closely packed without damage. Especially adapted for travelling purposes.

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Direct the attention of Ladies and Gentlemen to their New "TERAI HAT," now much worn in all the northern provinces of India, and highly recommended. FORWARDED RETAIL POST FREE TO ANY PART OF INDIA, PRICE 23s. 6d. THE DOUBLE HAT,

Sir,—I am happy to be able to speak in the highest terms of your "Terai Hat," for EASE, COMFORT, CONVENIENCE OF PACKING, AND DURABILITY. Although the Hat is hardly under No. 12 and 13, and in the books of the Collector of Assessment under No. 29 and bounded on the North side by a warehouse and offices on the South side by the junction of Apollo and Marine Streets, on the east side by Marine street and on the west side by Apollo Street.

I remain, yours faithfully,
O. T. BURNE,
Late Secretary to His Excellency the late Earl of Mayo.
16th July, 1873.

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Deputy-Supt. G. T. Survey of India.
4th June, 1874.

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Best Batting Gloves, Improved Vulcanized Tubular India Rubber...per pair	5 0
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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY EVENING, 3RD DEC. 1875.

ALTHOUGH telegraphic communication with London *via* Teheran is now open, the unusual amount of work thrown on the one line prevents messages coming through with the ordinary regularity, and although we hear of private advices of yesterday's date, the latest reliable public telegrams are only to the 1st instant. A message of Reuter's delivered this morning purports to be of the 2nd, but from the fact of its giving the Manchester Market Report and saying nothing as to yesterday's Bank of England return, it seems more likely to be the closing report of the 30th ultimo. The uncertainty in this respect has naturally a very restrictive effect on business here. People are unwilling to enter into new operations of any magnitude until they have information as to the position of matters at home up to the latest moment, and content themselves in the meantime with closing off current business.

Reuter's telegram, dated the 2nd instant, bu which, as mentioned above, we consider to be really of the 30th ultimo, reports the Liverpool Cotton Market as closing quiet, sales 12,000 bales, prices being unchanged, with the exception of a decline of 1-16d. per lb. in Fair Dhollera, which now stands at 4 11-16d. per lb. On the 1st the market opened quiet, probable sales 12,000, actual imports 5,000 bales.

From New York we have a message of the 11st quoting Mid. Uplands on the spot still at 3¼ cents., Futures ¼ cent. per lb. lower. Gold has advanced to 115, and Exchange on London has declined from dlrs. 4·84½ to dlrs. 4·83½ per £ Sterling. The receipts of Cotton at the American ports to date are as follows :—

	1875	1874	1873
Five days' Receipts.....	107,000	113 000	116,000
Total Receipts since 1st Sept.	1,542,000	1,390,000	1,112,000

The Manchester Piece Goods Market is reported quiet but steady, prices being the same as last quoted.

Coffee in London is irregular at a decline of 1s. per cwt. Ceylon Cocoanut Oil has fallen £1 per ton, but Cochin is unaltered. For Seeds on the spot there are no quotations, but Bombay Linseed to arrive is given at 54s. 6d. per quarter, 1s. over the last price on the spot. The only alterations in the weekly metal quotations are in Yellow Metal, the figures for sheathing and braziers being reversed. This, however, we noticed as a probable error a fortnight ago. Enfaced Rupee Paper is the same as on Saturday last with the exception of Fives-and-a-half, which are ¼ lower.

CONSOLS on the 1st were quoted at 93⅜ ex-dividend and French Rentes at 104½ Bar Silver was still at 56⅜ per oz.

The allotments of the Council drafts on Wednesday gave £377,000 to Calcutta and £53,000 to Madras at an average of 1s. 9. 5d. and £270,000 to Bombay at an average of 1s. 9. 6d. tenders on all three places at 1s. 9 7/16d. receiving 9 per cent. If these figures are correct, the bulk of the biddings have been at unexpectedly high rates, but it seems unlikely that the average could have been at, in the one case, 1/16d. and the other at nearly 3/16 per rupee over the figure at which 9 per cent. was allotted.

IN STERLING EXCHANGE there is again no actual change to report. Transactions continue most limited and confined chiefly to small sales of Bank paper. We quote :—

Bank Bills on demand	1s. 9 9 16d. per Rupee.	
Do. 6 months' sight	1s. 9 15-16d.	"
Credits 3	1s. 9 15-16d.	"
Documents 3	1s. 10d.	"

On Calcutta we have not heard of any business and rates are nominally unaltered. GOVERNMENT PAPER is a shade firmer and there are now buyers of Fours at Rs. 101¾. Fours-and-a-half are nominally Rs. 102¾; Fives-and-a-half Rs. 107¾.

The SHARE MARKET to-day has been some what irregular. Bank shares are quiet and unchanged. Land Companies are firmer, Freres having advanced Rs. 10, Mazagons Rs. 50, and Port Cannings Rs. 5 per share. For Berar Press and Mofussil Co. there is an active demand, the former having advanced Rs. 20, and the latter Rs. 10. Spinning and Weaving scrip, as a rule, is fairly steady, but in some instances slightly lower prices are quoted.

In COTTON business is a good deal crippled by the absence of telegrams. European houses on the one hand hold off pending advices from home, and dealers prefer to take the chance of the market to selling at any reduction. A few small sales of old Cottons are reported at prices varying according to quality, and we also hear of 200 bales New Hingunghaut changing hands at Rs. 213, and 100 bales Fully Good Fair Akote at Rs. 184, both February delivery full pressed. New Good Fair Omra, is offering at Rs. 178 per candy full pressed.

FREIGHTS are quiet at £2-2-6 to £2-3-9 for Liverpool by Canal Steamers, the absence of telegrams preventing any activity in exports. The available tonnage, however, is most limited, and consignees are not likely to give way to any extent.

PIECE GOODS are unaltered in every respect. From first hands there is a moderate business doing, but prices show no quotable change.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nomi. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Banks.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. c.		
320,000	100	all	5p.c.	Agra Bank	92 xd
23,000	1,000	all	10 do.	Bank of Bengal	1,450
20,000	500	all	10 do.	Bank of Bombay New..	1782
5,250	1,000	all	8 do.	Bank of Madras.....	1,180
200,000	250	all	8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bank. of L. & Chins	270
40,000	2814	all	Nil.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank.	261
40,000	20	all	5 p.ct.	Chartered Bank of India and China	190
40,000	250	125	5 do.	National Bank of India..	107½
60,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank.....	402½

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	60	Colaba Land Co.....	1,105
7,500	150	all	...	Frere Land & Pier Co. L.&	85
1,750	2,000	all	10 to 20 p.a.	Mazagon Land	550
6,000	1,400	all	15 do.	Fort Canning Land Company, Limited	185

PRESS COMPANIES.

15/	5,000	2,550	200 pa.	Akbar Cotton Press Co..	1,475
200	2,000	1,100	50 pa.	Albert Co. Kurre ...	700
100	500	all	18 p.c.	Albert Ginning Co.....	650
1250	1,000	20000	...	Alfred Mills Co.	1,105
150	12,000	11,000	425 pa.	Apollo Press Co.....	3,100
175	1,000	all	...	Bellary	705
1,000	500	all	6 p.c.	Berar Co.	510
400	250	all	42 pa.	Indian Press Co.	260
400	250	all	6½ p.c.	Broach Cotton Co.....	175
600	1,500	75	pa.	C Near Co.....	625 xd
230	250	all	...	Coconada Press Co	50
500	1,500	all	700 pa.	Colaba Press Co.....	3,600 xd
500	300	all	Nil.	Dhollera P. & G. Co.....	110
332	1,000	all	...	East India Press Co.....	1,100
150	8,500	all	Rs. 200	Fort Press Co.....	2,000
300	2,000	2,000	15 pa.	Fraser Cotton Press Company	355
200	500	all	100 pa.	French Press Co.....	460
1,150	...	all	...	Imperial Press Co.....	625
3,125	400	350	45 pa.	Mofussil Press & Ginning Co.....	385
600	2,000	5,000	...	Nicol Press Manufacturing Co., Ld.....	1,250
120	...	1,500	250 pa.	Prince of W. Press	650
300	500	all	100 pa.	Saucoory Press Co.....	500
400	500	750	45 pa.	Scinde Press Co.....	375
300	1,000	750	...	Scinde & Punjaub Cotton Press Co. Limited.....	1,000
150	850	all	12 p.c.	Victoria Cotton Gin and Press Co	600 ni
650	1,000	..	125pa*	Volkart's United Press Co.	800

* Per share, for the half-year.

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

600	1,250	all	100*	Alexandra Spinning.....	1,175
600	2,500	all	150*	Alliance Spinning	2,525
300	2,000	all	...	Bhownuggur M. & W. Co.	1,200
300	1,000	all	70*	Bombay United	1,085
400	150	150	10*	Brown Mills	175
600	1,000	750	...	Cowlas Spinning.....	625
2,000	2,000	all	100 pa.	Dharamsey Spinning ...	980
1,250	1,250	al.	60 pa.	Fleming S. W. Co.....	870
1,400	1,000	all	80pa*	Great Eastern	1090
700	1,000	all	65pa.	Hindustan S. W. Co.....	1,040
750	1,000	all	65p a	Jewraj Balloo Mills	990
...	...	800	...	Khandesh Spinning	790
500	1,250	all	70	Madhoe Spinning	900
...	...	500	...	Madras U. Spinning	925
2,500	1,700	all	70	Manockji Petit's.....	1,110
1,000	1,000	all	100pa*	Morarji Spinning.....	1,125
4,000	625	all	40pa*	Oriental.....	650
600	1,250	250	...	Prince of W. Spinning	625
1,000	1,000	1,000	20p a	Soonderdas Spinning ...	895
800	1,000	250	125pa	Do. do. 1/4 share.	200

* Per share for the half-year.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

£20	218 3/16	5 p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	254
£20	103 1/16	do.	Do. New £20 Shares.....	126
£20	65 7/16	do.	Ditto	72
£20	21 13/16	do.	Ditto	22
10£	1,000	do.	B.B. & C.I. Railway Co.	1,170
—	£18	19 9/16	do.	Do. New Shares.....	220

MISCELLANEOUS.

1,000	12,500	1500	240pa.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,680
1,000	5/	all	4½ pct.	Bombay GasCompany	57
600	1,000	all	...	Bombay Saw Mill Co....	620
600	600	300	30pa.	Landing & Shipping Co. of Kurrachee, Ld.	165
2,18	200	100	8 pa.	Malabar Company, Ld ..	80
1,000	5/	all	4 p.	Mechanics' Build'gs Co..	23
1,000	5/	all	30 p.	Prentiss & Co.....	895
...	25/	all	40 p.	Vizgas Patent Slip	35

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date L'dation.		
...	90	1129	...	Bank of China 1
...	...	...	...	East India Bank 3

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

Statement of Traffic, for week ending 27th November, 1875.

Open, 1,978¾ Miles.	Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	1,55,501	14	6
Merchandise	3,22,938	0	0
Electric Telegraph	801	0	0
Municipal Trains.....	607	8	0
Total Rs.....	4,79,878	6	6
Corresponding week last year, open 1,978¾ miles..... Total Rs.....	4,07,667	2	6
Increase Rs.....	72,211	4	0

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE SHIP INDIA, 1,163 tons, Captain W. B. MORAN, will sail to-day for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE SHIP HOSPODAR, 1,549 tons, Captain K. KELLY, will sail to-day for Hull, with a cargo of 43,276¼ cwts. linseed.

The S. S. PERIWAN, 51 tons, Nacoda, sailed yesterday for Coast and Carwar, with a general cargo and two second class and thirty deck passengers.

THE SHIP EXCELSIOR, 1,217 tons, Captain J. JOSLIN, arrived in harbour on the 2nd instant from Rangoon (October 21st), with a cargo of timber. The vessel is consigned to the Captain.

THE S.S. PEARL, 366 tons, Captain W. ASHTON, arrived in harbour on the 2nd instant from Coast and Cutch (November 30th), with a general cargo and one hundred and twenty-five deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's S. S. INDIA, 656 tons, Captain J. Henderson, arrived in harbour on the 2nd instant from Kattyawar, Coast and Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Col Polin, Mrs Watson, and forty-five deck passengers.

THE SHIP SEA CHIEF, 1,083 tons, Captain E. Phillips, arrived in harbour on the 2nd instant from Moulmein, (October 31st) with a cargo of timber. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. McCullock, Bates & Co.

THE S.S. OORUN, 163 tons, Captain G. J. Baker, arrived in harbour on the 2nd instant from Coast and Cutch, with a general cargo and two hundred and fifteen deck passengers. She sailed yesterday for same ports, with a general cargo, and one first class and one hundred and twenty deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's S.S. EUPHRATES, 500 tons, Captain J. Stevenson, sailed yesterday for Persian Gulf *via* Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—For Kurrachee.—Lieut W. Loch, Mr. and Mrs. Wardle and servant, Lieut T. J. B. Dunn and three servants, Mr. Campbell and two servants, Mr. A. Pringle and two servants, Captain H. Nash, and Mr. J. C. Pottinger and servant.—For Bagdad.—Nawab Ally John. For diffrent ports.—Seventy-two deck passengers.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From.
2	Oorun (s)	Baker	Mandvie, Nov 30.
	Excelsior	Joslin	Rangoon, Oct 21.
	India (s)	Henderson ..	Kurrachee, Nov 29.
	Pearl (s)	Ashton	Cutch, Nov 30.
	Sea Chief	Phillips	Moulmein, Oct 31.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
3	Euphrates (s)	Stevenson	P Gulf via Kurrachee.
	Pehlwan (s)	Nacoda	Coast and Carwar.
	Tythonus	Andrews	Calcutta.
	Oorun (s)	Baker	Coast and Cutch.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—
Ship India, Moran, to Calcutta.
Ship Hospodar, Kelly, to Hull.

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Stelvio, to Liverpool.
Steamer Pearl, to Coast and Cutch.

CALCUTTA.

Nov.	ARRIVALS.		
29	Mirzapore (s).....	Parish	Southampton, Oct 21.
	Africa (s).....	Hutcheson ...	Bombay, Nov 6.
	Irrawaddy (s).....	McHirdy	Rangoon.
	Ben Nevis	Service	Liverpool, Aug 17.
Nov.	DEPARTURE.		
29	Stockbridge.....	.....	.....

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

BOMBAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1875.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fah	29·898
Temperature of the Air.....	79·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer.....	70·8
Dew Point	67·0
Relative humidity of Air	0·677
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=1).	0·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 9-30 a.m. on following day)	84·5
Minimum do. do.	72·2
General Direction of wind	E, NE, ENE, E, W, WNW, E.
Movement of wind in 24 hours	198

DAILY IMPORTS—DECEMBER 3.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Utopia s, 70 bundles hoop iron, Fletcher, Stuart and Co.
India s, 2 cases saddlery, D Grant and Son.

FROM LONDON.

Travancore s, 32 cases chamoarine, 4 cases santerne and 4 cases chales, C Bouneville and Co.
Arthur, 70 cases paper, Byramjee Shapoorjee.
Strathclyde s, 70 cases gin, Dhunjeebhoy Cowasjee.
Monoobia s, 5 cases hams, 4 cases bacon, and 5 cases cheese, Bolton and Co.
Cathay s, 3 cases cochineal, Nagerchund Dhurchurchund ; 25 kegs whitelead, Abdoolcurrim Meya Khan.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 3.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Clive s, 1,163 bags linseed, Killick Nixon and Co ; 13 bales cotton, Chimondass Mahadewdass ; 40 bales cotton, Stearns, Hobart and Co ; 73 bales cotton, Mooljee Anundjee.
Stelvio s, 250 casks cocoanut oil, Mooljee Jaitha and Co.
India s, 500 bags myrobollams, Jetha Purseotum ; 50 bales hemp rope, Goculdass Oodhavjee ; 22 bales wool, Aboo Bunker Sulleman ; 49 bales wool, Tecruthdass Nundrem ; 80 bales wool, Nundram Bhagraz ; 122 bales cotton, Jairam Dayall ; 84 bales cotton, Modonboorpail and Co ; 200 bales galls, Mooljee Jaitha and Co ; 75 bales wool, Culianjee Pitamber.

FOR LONDON.

Venetia s, 14 cases fishmaws, Momed Nuthoo ; 4 cases fishmaws, Abdoola Abud Currim ; 6 cases fishmaws, Meeraily Nuthoo ; 13 cases fishmaws, Meeraily Munjee ; 9 cases fishmaws, Munjee Anoor ; 6 cases fishmaws and 2 cases mother of pearl shells, Ludhabhoy Khakey ; 7 bales hides, Mahamedbhoy Abdoola and Co ; 27 bags galls, Fuckeer Mahamed ; 21 bags cotton seed, Allimamed Hasum ; 30 packages cloves, Hassumbhoy Thavar ; 5 bundles Etooth, Abba Jacoob ; 14 bundles E teeth, Surrut Dutchi ; 24 packages cloves, Meerally Moosaji ; 4 cases fishmaws and 13 cases peacock feather, Meerallebhoy Dama ; 136 pieces E teeth, Currimbhoy Alloobhoy ; 4 bales hides, Khanbhoy Peerbhoy.

FOR HAVRE.

Venetia s, 10 bales cotton, George Lockart and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Juno s, 2 cases gum olibanum, Volkart Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Juno s, 52 bales cotton, Thackersey Dewjee and Co ; 100 bales cotton, W and A Graham.

FOR CALCUTTA.

Khunda'la s, 95 bales cotton, Khi'sidass Hurmookroy ; 27 bales cotton, Hunmatram Hothiram.

HIGH COURT.—4TH DECEMBER.

Before the Honourable the Chief Justice and the Honourable Sir CHARLES SARGENT.

Appeals for hearing.

252-73—Shamoorjee and Thacurdass—Pestonjee Dadabhoy and another vs Morwanjee Dhunjibhoy—Jefferson and Payne—Part heard.

86-74—Jefferson and Payne—Crustnarao Bhawoo vs Saraswatibai widow and others.—Shamrao P and V Hurrychund.

829-73—Pirjoo and Sayani—Morarjee Gokuldass and others vs. Parwatibai widow—Rimington, Hore and Langley.

854-67—Jefferson and Payne—Soomar Ahmed and others vs Haji Esmail Hajee Habib—Macfarlane and Skipsey.

1018-67—Jefferson and Payne—Soomar Ahmed and others vs Haji Esmail Hajee Habib—Macfarlane and Skipsey.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. JUSTICE BAYLEY.

LONG CAUSE.

116-75—Rimington, Hore and Langley—Kubboo vs Navibai widow and others—Shapoorji and Thacurdass, Hearn, Cleveland and Lee-Warner and Rimington, Hore and Langley—Part heard.

Before the Honourable Mr JUSTICE GREEN.

LONG CAUSES.

317-74—Shamrao P—Adrajee Sakaram Pandit vs Anandrao Vedavack and others—M M Munshi.

448-75—Jefferson and Payne—The Noriad Spinning and W Co vs Annunjee Vishram—Shapoorjee and Thacurdass.

For argument on a Judges summons.

627-74—Tarajee and Sayani—Dadabhoy Peerbhai vs Syed Mira Shaw—Mr. Fletcher.

LONG CAUSES.

267-75—K Mancjee—Manecklal Atmaram vs Muncherjee Dinshaw—P Cowasjee.

353-75—Fletcher and Smith—Chunilal Varjeevandass vs Jeevanbai—P Cowasjee.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 1.

Smith, Conductor, Bombay Barrack Dept, on duty, from Deolalee.
Beaufort, Lieut, Bombay R A, on duty, from Baroda.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 3.

Smith, Conductor, Bombay Barrack Dept, on duty, to Ahmedabad.
Beaufort, Lieut, Bombay R A, on duty, to Kirkee.
Greenaway, Captain, Bengal 10th Lancers, to rejoin, to Umballa.
Gowan, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, to rejoin, to Derah Gazi Khan.

POSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.	Mail closes.	After
United Kingdom	Dec. 6 ...	3-30 P.M. ...	4-30 P.M.
Kurrachee	" 6 ...	11 A.M. ...	12 A.M.
Persian Gulf *via* Kurrachee.	" 10 ...	11 A.M. ...	12 A.M.
Australia	" 11 ...	3 P.M.	No after packet
China	" 14 ...	4 P.M.	
Mauritius and Reunion	" 20 ...	3-30 P.M. ...	4 P.M.
Zanzibar, &c.	" 20 ...	3-30 P.M. ...	4-30 P.M.

AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

Saturday..... Dec. 11

In accordance with the above, Mails for Ceylon, Pen ang, Singapore, Hongkong, and the Australian Colonies will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 P.M.

Registered Letters will be received until 1 P.M. on the above date.

ZANZIBAR, NATAL, MOZAMBIQUE, DELAGOA AND TABLE BAY.

3-30 P.M.

Monday..... Dec. 20

MAURITIUS AND REUNION.

Regular Mails. *Supplemental Mails.*

Monday ..... Dec. 20 | Monday ..... Dec. 27

The dates of departure from Bombay of the Supplemental Mails for Mauritius and Reunion are in consonance with the Time Table of the Messageries Maritime Company ; but as the French Mail Steamers occasionally leave Aden for the Mauritius before the arrival of the Bombay Overland Mail Steamers, the Indian Postal Department will not be responsible for any delay which the correspondence forwarded by that opportunity may sustain at Aden.

OVERLAND MAIL.

In supersession of this Office Notice of the 19th May last, it is notified that, as on and after the 4th October next till further notice, the Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company will leave Bombay every *Monday* soon after 7 P.M., the following revised arrangements in the hours for closing Mails will come into operation from the said date :—

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 5-30 P.M.

Newspapers, Books, and Patterns up to 3 P.M.

Registered Letters up to 2 P.M.

Registered Letters, if fully prepaid together with an extra fee of 2 annas, will be received at the General Post Office between 2 and 4 P.M.

Late letters, if fully pre-paid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of the late letter fee (4 annas each), will be received at the Wellington Pier Post Office from 5-30 to 6-30 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland Covers at the several Branch Post Offices, will be 3-30 P.M., and registered at 1 P.M.

Fully pre-paid letters will be received on board the Overland Mail Steamer after 5 P.M., and up to starting time (7 P.M.) by the payment of an additional fee of 8 annas. All others will be refused.

The Overland Mail Steamers will leave Bombay as under :—

	P.M.		P.M.
Monday	Dec 6	Monday	Dec. 20
"	" 13	"	" 27

POSTAGE BY THE BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Postage rates chargeable on Correspondence forwarded via Brindisi, to the United Kingdom, or places served through the United Kingdom, are as follows :—

For the United Kingdom.

Each Letter per ½ ounce—annas 8.
Each Newspaper per 4 ounces—annas 2.
Each Book or Pattern Packet not exceeding one ounce—1 anna and 4 pies ; not exceeding 2 ounces—annas 2, 8 pies ; not exceeding 4 ounces—annas 4, 8 pies ; every additional 4 ounces—annas 4, 8 pies.

The full prepayment of Correspondence forwarded via Brindisi is optional, and all covers not fully prepaid will, unless specially marked by the senders for transmission by any other route and conformations conditions, be forwarded via Southampton.

The postage chargeable on letters sent to the countries mentioned *below through Trieste* is as follows :—

	Present Rates per ½ oz. Annas	Revised Rates per ½ oz. Annas	Pies.
Austria, Luxemburg, German States, Austrian Post Offices in Turkey ...	8	8	0
Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Switzerland, Prussia, Wallachia, Servia ...	9	4	0

CHINA MAILS.

China Mail Steamers will leave Bombay as follows :—

	P.M.		P.M.
Tuesday	Dec. 14	Tuesday	Dec. 28

QUEENSLAND VIA SINGAPORE.

Tuesday..... Dec. 28

NOTICE TO SPORTSMEN.

THE following is printed in the hope that Sporting communities will make public, for mutual benefit, their views regarding the breeding seasons of game in their respective districts :—

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE SHOLAPORE GYMKHANA.

1. Resolved—That, in the Sholapore Collectorate, close seasons be observed between 1st *January* and 31st *March* for common and painted grouse, and between 15th *July* and 31st *October* for pea-fowl, painted partridge, rain-quail, bustard, florikin, painted snipe, and for such geese, duck, and teal as remain near here—viz., black-backed goose, white-bodied goose teal, whistling teal, spotted-billed duck, pink-headed duck, and also for hares and antelope ; and that, for the benefit of coursing, no hares be shot at any time within five miles of camp.

2. Resolved—That a circular be addressed by the Honorary Secretary in the name of the Gymkhana to the European, Parsee, and certain of the native communities, asking those who shoot to adhere to the close season, and begging all to refrain from purchasing game during that period.

3. Resolved—That copies of the above resolutions be forwarded to the Collector, Sholapore, and that he be asked to favour the members of the Gymkhana and to increase the effect of their efforts, by doing what lies in his power to prevent natives from killing and snaring game out of season.

4. Resolved—That copies be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, G.I.P. Railway Gymkhana, Sholapore, with the expression of a hope that he will find it convenient to convene an early meeting with the view of co-operating with the members of this Gymkhana.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTHS

GELL.—December 2nd, the wife of Brigadier General Gell, of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

MORRIS—November 2..h, at Goosery, the wife of A T Morris, Goosery Cotton Mills, of a son.
MACKENZIE—November 24th, at Barrackpore, the wife of N W Mackenzie, Esq., of a daughter.
TEMPLE—November 30th, at Belvedere, Lady Temple, of a son.

DEATHS.

HOLT—November 29th, the eldest and dearly beloved son of P J Holt, H M B P S, aged 7 years and 7 days.
SPENCER—November 28th, at Sutna, Charles Innes Spencer, M I C E, District Engineer, E I Railway, Jubbulpore Line.
STARTIN—December 1st, at Mattra, from injuries received the previous day while pig-sticking, Lieutenant and Adjutant R Startin.

All MONEY ORDERS, CHEQUES, and other Remittances sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1875.

For obvious reasons, we have refrained till now from saying anything about the resignation by the Hon. Rao Sahib V. N. Mundlik of the disputed seat in the Bombay Town Council. The letter in which Mr. Mundlik has explained his motives for resigning was not before the public, and it was difficult to understand why, after obstinately persisting in a wrong course of conduct for two months, he had at last changed his mind and determined to do what was right. The explanation now given is not in all respects satisfactory. Mr. Mundlik acknowledges that, as soon as the Corporation had at a special meeting distinctly repudiated him as its representative in spite of the active canvass prosecuted on his behalf by influential friends, his position as one of the elected members of the Town Council became untenable. This admission supplies the best possible answer to the question, put by so many of Mr. Mundlik's friends at the special meeting in September, "What is the use of passing a resolution which "can have no legal effect?" The reply was given at the time, that, although the Corporation could not legally unseat a member of the Town Council who had got in by a mistake, reliance might fairly be placed on the honourable feeling of the gentleman himself to retire from the Council as soon as the mistake had been pointed out to him and an explicit declaration made by the men who elect Town Councillors that he did not represent them. Mr. Mundlik has now shown that his opponents took the correct view of the duty he owed to the Corporation. He says that he delayed sending in his resignation, for reasons which do not satisfy our critical judgment, but which, as the affair is now happily at an end, we do not care to examine too closely; and we may take this opportunity of expressing our own opinion that there would have been no delay at all if he had been content to take his own counsel in the first instance, and had not let himself be misled by the prejudiced advice of people who have no sense of public duty or private honour, and who have only two principles of action, to worship their patrons with an unlimited and sickening servility, and to vilify in the most shameless manner and do all in their power to injure whoever has the honour to be accounted their enemy. So far as Mr. Mundlik himself is concerned, it gives us pleasure to accept his resignation as an act worthy of his sincere and independent character. It is proverbially more difficult to repent after one has gone on sinning for some time than at the outset of a career of wrong-doing; and Mr. Mundlik has shown unusual strength of mind and moral courage in resolving to make a voluntary atonement for his error of judgment after having for two whole months successfully set public opinion in Bombay at defiance. With regard to yesterday's election we need make no remark except that it has highly gratified us to note the love of fair play and the cordial good feeling towards Mr. Mundlik's late opponent shown not only by nearly all the European, but also by most of the native, members of the Corporation. Several votes of native gentlemen were given yesterday on the principle laid down by Mr. Shantaram Narayen at the September meeting,—"I am anxious to do justice "*even* to Mr. Maclean"—and nothing could be more creditable to the native members of the Corporation than the strict and invariable observance of such an excellent maxim.

The other piece of business the Municipal Corporation had before it yesterday was also satisfactorily disposed of. It would have been a public scandal if the audacious attempt to divert the Prince's gift to the poor of Bombay from its legitimate purposes to the gratification of what may not unfairly be called the crotchet of a medical man who has made the disease of leprosy his special study had been successful. The meaning of His Excellency the Governor's letter, in which he stated that the Prince of Wales had left a cheque for Rs. 10,000 to be applied "for purposes of "charity," was plain enough, and did not need to be interpreted by the light of the explanatory letters read at yesterday's meeting, from which it appeared that in answer to several applications for aid to local charities His Royal Highness had spoken of leaving a lump sum of money for distribution in Bombay. Dr. Hewlett complained of the conduct of the Municipal authorities in not communicating these letters to him beforehand, so that he might have been spared the ignominy of making himself ridiculous at a public meeting by suggesting a misapplication of the Prince's gift. But surely Dr. Hewlett ought to have made inquiries on his own account before taking up the Leper Hospital scheme in the spirit of a thorough going partisan. The obvious construction of the Governor's letter was that the money should be given away amongst the most deserving charities of the place; and a man of ordinary prudence would have taken care to satisfy himself that some other construction than this would be justifiable before proposing to the Corporation to vote away the whole of the money for the benefit of a scheme which has no existence. A man who, whenever he gets a whim into his head, makes up his mind to indulge it without considering the wishes or interests of other people, ought not to be surprised when he finds himself in a scrape. It seems to us that the public, on the other hand, has a just right to complain of the organized agitation of Dr. Hewlett and his friends to seize this money and appropriate it to a particular purpose. They did not trouble themselves about the claims of numerous charities which do very good work in Bombay, or try to assign the relative rank of their Leper Hospital in the list of institutions entitled to support. No, they would have their scheme, and their scheme alone; and a clamour was raised against anyone who tried, no matter in what moderate language, to show that there are many poor and sick people in Bombay who have not the misfortune to be afflicted with leprosy but who still ought to have a share of the Prince's bounty. It is painful to see men who ought to know better bent on being so unreasonable. If there had been any sign of a response on the part of the public to the urgent entreaties that have been addressed to them for many months past to subscribe towards the establishment of a Leper Hospital, there would at all events have been some sort of justification for the assertion that a Hospital would be built if the Prince's money were set apart for this particular purpose. But the advocates of the scheme were not ashamed to appear before the Corporation with a blank subscription list, and one of them, Dr. Hewlett, even had the indecency to laugh outright at the absurdity of the notion when Dr. Joynt suggested that the natives should raise a fund for a Leper Hospital among themselves. The way in which the subject was treated shows that a native friend of ours, who shall be nameless, knew the exact meaning of the whole agitation when he told us that native gentlemen had been pestered so long with applications for subscriptions to a Leper Hospital they thought it would be a good way out of the difficulty to get hold of the Prince's money to start with. If, however, they are in earnest about the matter, they ought to make a good subscription themselves first of all, and then they will have a right to be listened to. But even in that case we should be disposed to say that it is the business of Government to look after the lepers with such help as private charity may choose to give, and that the Prince's Rs. 10,000 ought to be distributed among charities of a more catholic character. The appropriation of the money has now been left to a Committee, who will, no doubt, consider all claims fairly before coming to a decision.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE RAJA OF KOLAPORE AT GOA.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE PRINCE.)

GOA, 27TH NOVEMBER.

LEARNING that the Raja of Kolapore, and several of the minor Chiefs in the Southern Mahratta Country, were about to leave Bombay for Deogurh in the B. I. S. N. Company's new steamer Puttialla, I managed to get a passage on board through the kindness of Colonel Schneider, who is the Political Agent for the Southern Mahratta provinces. We left Bombay harbour at midnight, and were soon past the inner lightship, the outer lightship, and then the Kennery Lighthouse. The coast slipped from a shadow into outer darkness, and there was nothing better to do than "turn in." The crowd of followers of the Raja slept anywhere about the deck, and under the ship's lights presented a very curious appearance. Some were huddled up in their clothing, others covered their faces in their unfolded turbans, and many sought shelter from the breeze under tables, forms, or even in the vicinity of the capstan, while the ghorawallas slept at the head of their horses, of which there were nearly a dozen on board. The Rajas did not care to go to sleep, and, borrowing a light from some of their servants, proceeded to play cards in their cabins. They were just like schoolboys at home, when they indulge surreptitiously in games in their dormitories, and fear that every step is the master's. When anybody passed the Rajas, cabin out went the lights, so that it was supposed they had gone to bed; but Colonel Schneider, who is a sort of father to the "little kings," suspecting that something was irregular, discovered them all deeply engaged in the mysteries of "pucheesa." Then the lights were put out in earnest, and the little fellows were sent off to bed. Colonel Schneider's guests slept on the skylights on deck, and a deliciously cool night soon glided into an equally delicious morning. The mountain ranges on the shore could be seen clothed in purple, and the blue waters around were studded with the white

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS FOR THE BOMBAY GAZETTE

THE VICEROY.

ALLAHABAD, 3RD DEC.

The Viceroy, on completing his present tour in Rajpootana, will leave Agra by special train for Calcutta about midday on Tuesday.

THE LATE FATAL ACCIDENT.

Regarding the fatal accident to Lieut. Startin, of the 10th Hussars, it is stated that while he and two others were pursuing a pig the animal suddenly jinked under one horse and nearly upset him; at the same moment Mr. Startin, following at a rapid pace, cannoned against him, and both came down together. In the fall the spear of the first horse's rider caught Mr. Startin in the breast to the left, a little below the collar bone, and passed right through him, coming out at the right shoulder.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

CELEBRATION OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S BIRTHDAY AT WINDSOR.

LONDON, 1ST DEC.

The 31st anniversary of the birth of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was celebrated at Windsor Castle to-day amid great rejoicings. Besides the Queen and other members of the Royal Family there were present Her Majesty the Queen of Denmark and the Princess Thyra of Denmark.

THE PURCHASE OF THE SUEZ CANAL SHARES.

The Foreign Press expresses apprehension lest in consequence of the recent transfer of shares, England should acquire the exclusive possession of the Suez Canal, and therefore insists on the maintenance of its neutrality. The Russian press maintains silence on the subject.

THE TROOPSHIPS.

Her Majesty's Troopships Euphrates homeward, and the Crocodile outward bound, have passed through the Suez Canal.

PRINCE GORTSCHAKOFF AT BERLIN.

BERLIN, 1ST DEC.

Prince Gortschakoff has arrived here from St-Petersburg, and has been admitted to lengthy conferences with the Emperor and Prince Bismarck.

THE SPANISH CORTES.

MADRID, 1ST DEC.

It is announced that the Cortes will recommence sitting on the 1st February next.

LONDON, 1ST DEC.

3 per cent. Consols for Account .... 93¾ ex-dividend
5 per cent. French Rente 1875 ..... 103½
Bar Silver..... 56
Exchange on India ..... 1s. 9⅛ to 9/16d.
4 per cent. Rupee Paper 91
4½ do. do. 92½
5½ do. do. 96½

LONDON, 2ND DEC.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet.
The London Cotton Market has been dull.
Fair Dhollera 4 11/16d.
The Manchester Market has been quiet but unchanged.
7lbs. Shirtings..... 6s. 9d.
8lbs. do ..... 8s.
Obs. Mule Twist..... 0.11
The Market rate of discount is ½ lower than the Bank rate.
The sum of £115,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.
Arrival Australia on the 30th ultimo.
Departure for Bombay via Suez Canal.—Timor on the 30th ultimo.

STEAMER REPORT.

GALLE, 3RD DEC., 7-20 A. M.

Steamer Assam, from Aden, arrived.

GALLE, 3RD DEC., 10 A. M.

H. M. S. Doris and Topaze arrived; former yesterday, latter to-day.

GALLE, 3RD DEC., 12-5

H. M. S. Lily sailed for Singapore.

THE Maharajah of Joudhpore will arrive in Agra on the 9th, travelling by the Rajpootana State Railway *en route* to Calcutta.

THERE are this year so many as 2,373 candidates for the Entrance, and 573 for the First Arts' Examination of the Calcutta University. The examination will commence on Monday.

THE consecration of the Memorial Church of All Souls at Cawnpore will take place at 11 A.M. on the 8th December. After the ceremony there will be a luncheon, the *Pioneer* says, given at the public expense to all visitors.

OPIUM-PACKING is at present being busily carried on at Gazipur, and the despatch of the chests to Calcutta was to have begun on the 25th ultimo. The number of chests to be forwarded this year will not exceed twenty-one thousand.

THE maximum and minimum time occupied by messages in transit from the United Kingdom to Bombay by the Indo-European telegraph on the 3rd Dec. was 32 hours 5 minutes and 54 minutes respectively, the average time being 18 hours 51 minutes.

ABOUT one hundred men, a similar number of women, and some 200 children of H. M.'s. 85th Regiment, arrived at Lucknow from Meerut last week. The regiment itself has gone to Delhi to take part in the Camp of Exercise, and will not arrive at Lucknow until the end of February or probably early in March of next year.

THE Bangalore paper states that Dr. Maclean, the Canarese Translator to the Madras Government, who was lately appointed tutor to His Highness the Maharaja, is to get Rs. 1,800 per month, besides free quarters. He will take charge of his office after the Prince of Wales leaves the province in the early part of next month.

IT was stated last week that Nouroz Khan had settled down in Shamansur Kheyl, plundering travellers through the Tatra Pass. A Peshawur correspondent of the *Pioneer* has just sent that paper more information concerning the vigorous outlaw. Zerdast Khan despatched some of Shere Ali's troops from Lalpura against the freebooter; but, after a skirmish, they had to fall back on Lalpura and wait for reinforcements. Meanwhile Nouroz Khan and his fellows hold the Tatra Pass, putting a stop to all traffic, and waylaying unwary travellers.

THE 23rd Brigade R. A. will move as under—Head-quarters and No. 4 Battery leave Morar on the 7th December, Agra on the 10th December, Allahabad on the 22nd December, Decialee Depot, 24th December. Embark at Bombay on December 31st, 1875. The Brigade will proceed as far as Allahabad under command of Colonel C. M. Young, R. A., where he will be relieved by Colonel Pipon, C. B., who takes the Brigade to England. The following officers go with head-quarters:—Lieutenant-Colonel D. F. J. Newall, Lieutenant Colonel A. D. Denniss, Lieutenant Colonel G. H. Stone, Captain and Adjutant E. J. Machell, Quarter Master J. McKenna; Surgeon Major A. Maclean, in medical charge.

THE site for the new India Museum building in London has been selected. We read in the *Globe* of Nov. 12th that the Government have directed notices to be given for a bill to acquire as a site for public offices the ground extending from the new public offices and the India Office to Great George-street and the park, including Charles-street, King-street, Delahay-street, Duke-street, the remainder of the west side of Parliament-street, and the north side of Great George street. This is the site that Dr. Forbes Watson has so long proposed should be chosen, and the result will be that a fine square of public buildings will be completed near the Houses of Parliament; at the same time the position is a very central one, being about equi-distant from the great public buildings in London, having the Albert Hall and South Kensington Museum on the extreme west, and the Bank and Royal Exchange on the extreme east, whilst the British Museum occupies the northern point with the Courts of Law lying between, and all the clubs and West-End portions of London close at hand.

MR. E. B. PEACOCK, a son of Sir B. Peacock, late Judge of the Small Cause Court of Delhi, has been removed to the Gurgaon district. As long ago as the month of April of the present year, three or four suits having been filed by shopkeepers at Delhi against Mr. Peacock in his own court, the Commissioner brought the matter to the notice of the Local Government, inasmuch as no other court having jurisdiction to try the cases, they must, as the law stood, have come on for hearing before Mr. Peacock himself. Before the cases came on, Mr. Peacock was called upon by Government for an explanation, which was given, to the effect that he had paid some of the debts, and was about to pay the remainder. The Local Government, however, considered that such a state of things was not entirely satisfactory, and that an early opportunity should be taken of relieving him of his duties as officiating Small Cause Court Judge, and, as some of the suits which had given rise to the investigation were still undecided, the Deputy Commissioner of Delhi was invested for the nonce with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge, in order to dispose of them. This was done in the month of August last, when *razeenamahs* were filed in all the cases, and this interesting litigation came to an end.

IN reviewing the operations of the Madras Philharmonic Society during the past season, the eleventh since its formation, the Committee (in the report just issued) have the pleasure of congratulating members on the success which continues to attend their efforts. As an experiment, two of the concerts last season were given in the afternoon, commencing at 5 o'clock instead of in the evening, at 9 o'clock. Both of these were well attended, and the Committee, believing that a large proportion of subscribers prefer the earlier hour, advise a repetition of this experiment during the ensuing season. The Society has sustained a great loss in Mr. Reeves, who has gone home. The Committee feel sure that the ability, zeal, and good temper he displayed in the post of honorary Director of Music will be remembered kindly both by performers and non-performers. Many others of the oldest and most ardent supporters of the Society also left Madras towards the close of last season, but happily several are expected to return in the beginning of next cold weather, and the Committee trust that the ensuing season will be marked with as much success and progress as its predecessors. The thanks of the Society are due to the Madras public for their liberal support. The Committee have in view a reduction in the rates of subscription and admission to the Concerts. The accounts show a debit balance of Rs. 42, but there are few purchases, and the property of the Society in instruments, music, &c., being now very considerable, its condition financially is completely solvent.

A CORRESPONDENT sends to the *Madras Mail* the following description of the semi-royal manner in which the employés of the South Indian Railway welcomed Mr. Betts on his arrival at Negapatam from England on the 26th ultimo.—"The railway station was very grandly decorated with flowers and leaves, &c., the decoration was very good, and the committee who had the management of the reception deserve great praise. A flower pandal was erected extending from the platform to the entrance of the room in which Mr. Betts usually conducts his business, over the door of which the word "welcome" was placed. The flooring was richly carpeted; and several fog or detonating signals were placed on the line by way of salute. A band was in attendance to discourse sweet music, and in fact, everything was done to give grandeur to the reception. At about 3-30 P.M., the platform was well filled. A few ladies also put in an appearance to grace the scene. I am sure many more would have been there, but the weather was threatening. The train was very punctual, as exactly at 4 o'clock it was sighted. The carriage in which Mr. Betts was conveyed was made to stop opposite the flower pandal, and when the mob caught sight of him, they cheered heartily. The station master was deputed by the committee to do the usual Oriental honour of placing a garland round the neck of Mr. Betts. The garland was a very magnificent one, bought at Tanjore. After shaking hands with a few of the visitors present Mr. Betts was conducted to his room, where an address of welcome was read to him. He replied very briefly. He then went to the office and he (Betts) stated he was happy that he had the satisfaction of knowing he had gained the confidence and attachment of his employés. He visited the workshops to see the Royal carriage being completed; and at nine o'clock he attended a display of fire works which were got up in honour of his arrival. The employés deserve great praise for having given their worthy chief such a hearty reception."

WE take the following extract from the *Pall Mall Gazette*. It may perhaps interest mofussil magistrates:—"A singular application has been made to the Queen's Bench Division to compel justices to state a case on a conviction of a publican. The conviction was for his allowing a man to become drunk on his premises, and the evidence was to the effect that the man was found helpless in a ditch not far from the public house, and the publican himself admitted that the man had been in his house some hours, and had after drink at other places, four or five glasses of whisky, but he contended that the man left his house sober and saying that he could have stood more. The Court immediately observed that this was not a question of law but one of pure fact for the magistrates, and that they therefore could not interfere with their decision. It is indeed difficult to conceive a question more emphatically one of fact; and though as such it was the subject of a conflict of evidence, it is impossible not to feel that the conflicting testimony was of very unequal value. On one side there was the statement of the publican that the man was not drunk, and his own allegation that he could have "stood" more. On the other side, there was but the one fact that the man fell into a ditch and was found there helpless, and the justices are scarcely to be blamed for holding that the silent evidence of this fact outweighed the verbal evidence opposed to it. Indeed, as the Chief Justice's question, Why, if he could have stood more, did he fall into the ditch? was clearly unanswerable, the conviction had to be affirmed.

THE Ceylon Government has just published a report by the chief translator, Louis de Zoyza Mudliar, on four official visits paid by him to the temple libraries in Ceylon, for the purpose of estimating the value of the literary treasures of the island. The Mudliar, though a Christian, met on the whole with a very favourable reception from the heads of the various Buddhist monasteries, though we regret that in three or four instances he appears to have been received with a good deal of mistrust, the monks evidently suspecting Government of some design upon their collections. Thus at Galkanda monastery the librarian, an exceedingly learned Buddhist priest, "politely refused" to allow the Mudliar to inspect the books under his charge, on the plea (which, however, appears to be a just one) that he had already furnished Government with a complete catalogue of the library. At two important monasteries known to possess wealthy libraries only a few common books were produced, and the Government representative was informed that there were no others. On the other hand, at Mulgirigal temple, from which Turnour obtained his famous MS. of the commentary on Mahavansa, the priest in charge "was exceedingly civil and frank, and seemed highly to appreciate the object of Government in wishing to preserve the manuscripts of Ceylon." At a temple near Tangalle the librarian not only produced all his books, but helped the Mudliar to make a catalogue of them. At the Ridi Vihara or "Silver Abbey," the manuscripts, some of which were of extraordinary beauty, were preserved in a large box, curiously painted and set with precious stones, and from the depths of this box the monks produced "with some pride" a copy of the first volume of Professor Childers's "Pali Dictionary!" At Madawela, it turned out that a once magnificent library had been destroyed by the British troops in the Kandyan rebellion of 1818. At Tissawa, the monks ruefully exhibited a heap "of fragments of books, of which nothing could be made, said to have been destroyed by the white ants." It is reassuring to hear that they also possessed "a good collection of valuable manuscripts." Mr. de Zoyza, who, it must be remembered, is a Sinhalese, though like many of his countrymen bearing a European name, appears to have carried out the task entrusted to him with tact and energy, and his report is interesting reading. The results of his mission are not inconsiderable. Some seventy or eighty rare or unknown MSS. were examined, many of which are likely to be of much historical and philological value. Probably the greatest "trouvaille" is a copy of a Sinhalese gloss on the Dhammapada, which, with the exception of the rock inscription at Mahintale, is now the oldest known specimen of Sinhalese prose. It is to be hoped that the Ceylon Government will order the publication of this unique work, which, apart from its literary value, may be expected to throw much light on the growth and history of the Sinhalese language. Mr. de Zoyza writes very pleasant English, and has contrived to throw a good deal of animation into what might have been a dry official record. Incidentally he gives some interesting archæological notes, and he describes his discovery of several rock inscriptions, one of which has enabled him to correct an error of thirteen years in Turnour's "Chronology of the later Sinhalese King." Altogether, we can recommend this report to all who are interested in the ancient literature of Buddhism."

BOMBAY.

FIRE.—A fire broke out on Thursday in a jowlee hut, situated at the Elphinstone Bunder, which was burnt to the ground in a very short time. The hut belonged to a Hindoo named Baboo Juggernath.

DEPARTURE OF A NATIVE CHIEF.—Khan Shree Babee Zorawar Khanjee, Nawab of Balasinor, and followers left by train from the Grant Road railway station on Thursday evening for his territory.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.—A bullock driver named Meah Rajahdeen was yesterday adjudged guilty by Mr. Nana Morojee, at the Girgaum Police Court, of cruelly torturing a bullock on the Obelisk Road that morning, and was fined Rs. 4.

THE VACANCY AT H. M.'s COMMON JAIL.—The new appointment of Head Clerk and Accountant to H. M.'s Common Jail was filled up yesterday. Mr. Dracup, late of Messrs. Soondy and Co., of Bombay, has been the successful candidate for the post.

CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.—Yesterday at the Fort Police Court, an old offender named Bheema Pooseo was charged before Mr. Ryan with fraudulently misapplying, in breach of trust, a blanket belonging to one Gainoo Appoo, and was sentenced by Mr. Ryan to be imprisoned for three months.

STOLEN SULPHUR.—Sulleman Shaik Abdoola, a Mogul labourer, was charged before Mr. Ryan yesterday with having in his possession seven seers of sulphur, reasonably suspected of being stolen or fraudulently obtained, and failing to account satisfactorily how he came by the same, his Worship sentenced the prisoner, a boy, to receive five stripes.

A DARING PICKPOCKET.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, Abdoola Tych, a vagabond, was charged with stealing from the pocket of a Hindoo boy, in open day, near the Jumma Musjid, a pocket handkerchief and some money. The Magistrate, Mr. Ryan, was of opinion that the prisoner's act was a most daring one, and sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment for three months.

ASSAULT.—Yesterday at the Girgaum Police Court, Mr. C. Tudball, Traffic Superintendent of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company, was fined Rs. 10 by Mr. Nana Morojee, for assaulting a ghorawalla, named Gopal Appa in a private compound adjoining the Grant Road railway station. Mr. Rustomjee Merwanjee Patell appeared for the complainant.

POONA AND THE PRINCE.—Yesterday we published a letter from Sir P. Wodehouse to the civil authorities at Poona conveying the thanks of the Prince of Wales for the reception given him at Poona and enclosing Rs. 1,500 for distribution among the charitable institutions of Poona. From the Secretariat we received yesterday a similar letter from Sir P. Wodehouse addressed to the military authorities at Poona.

THEFTS.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, Mr. Ryan sentenced one Hurhurri Wittoba to one month's rigorous imprisonment for stealing a brass vessel belonging to Bheema, woman.—Moulabux Feroz, a reputed thief, was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months for stealing two pieces of wearing apparel, the property of Purbut Ookare.—Sultan Rahim was also sentenced to three months' imprisonment for stealing two rupees from a cook named Augustin DeSouza.

DROWNED.—A young Mussulman, named Shaik Abdools, who resided at Cummoo Yacoob's Dhurumsalla at Chunna-Butter, in company with three others of his caste men, went out yesterday morning for a bath in the Baboola Tank. Whilst so engaged on the north or rocky side of the tank Shaik Abdools, it appears, missed his footing and in the tank and was drowned. Mr. Inspector Sweeney made every effort to recover the body without success.

RECOVERY OF A VALUABLE DIAMOND.—The detective police deserve credit for having recovered a diamond, of the value of from Rs. 11,000 to Rs. 15,000, the property of Nusseerwanjee Framjee Dhunjeebhoy Bothiwalla, which had been criminally misappropriated by a Hindoo goldsmith about two months ago. It appears that Framjee's mother entrusted the diamond, which was then set in a ring, to Khemjee Humeer, a goldsmith, for the purpose of selling it; and she desired her son to accompany Khemjee to the bazaar. The latter persuaded the boy to believe that the diamond would fetch a better price if being cleaned. They accordingly went back to Framjee's mother at her residence at Parell, where the diamond was freed from the setting and cleaned; but before re-setting it Khemjee adroitly substituted an inferior stone in its stead. The ring remained with Framjee for about a month, at the end of which time Framjee went to offer it for sale at the office of Messrs. Kanjee and Co., representing that its cost price was Rs. 20,000. It was then discovered that it was an inferior stone; and information of the fraud was laid before the Commissioner of Police, who put the matter in the hands of Khan Bahadoor Acbar Ali, head of the detective police. To arrest Khemjee was the first step taken by the detectives, and from information given by him, the diamond, which had meanwhile passed through several hands, was traced to the city of Hyderabad, whither it had been sent for sale. A telegram received from Hyderabad states that the diamond would be sent down to Bombay in two or three days. The goldsmith Khemjee Humeer was pieced under the charge yesterday of a charge of criminal breach of trust and criminal misappropriation, and has been remanded to jail until Tuesday next.

THE "ROSY LIGHT" AND "ALL BEAUTY" AT POONA.—Our weather has been rather warm during the day, for a few days past. It is, however, now quite cool again. The mornings cold and hazy until the sun comes out brightly about 7-30, and then the mist disappears. During the day the atmosphere is peculiarly clear; at night the starlight is so clear as to deceive early risers into believing that the day has dawned. The rosy light in the West just as the sun is rising (setting?) is exceedingly beautiful, but it is like all beauty very evanescent.—*Deccan Herald*, Dec. 3.

POONA DESERTED.—Poona is quite deserted now, as most of those who go to the districts have left the station. Mr. Oliphant leaves to-morrow—the last of those who have district work to perform. The Civil Lines are now quite deserted—especially those houses that are in the direction of the railway station. There is nothing doing except the training of the soldiers who are employed almost all day and every day. If they are not engaged in drill, they are engaged in rifle-shooting and musketry practice.—*Id.*

THE 44TH REGIMENT.—The second portion of H. M.'s 44th Regiment arrived in Poona from Kamptee on Wednesday afternoon and spent Wednesday night and yesterday at this station. The troops left again last evening and expect to reach Secunderabad on Saturday. The former detachment reached its destination yesterday. The travelling has been wonderfully easy as the regiment halted two nights on the way before reaching Poona. The last detachment left Kamptee on Sunday evening, the former on Friday.—*Id.*

CHILDREN'S FETE AT POONA.—General Lord Mark Kerr not content with feting the children of all the European regiments in camp, *fete* d'ed them on Tuesday evening to the children of the native regiments stationed here. It was curious to notice how many of the children wore ornaments of gold, and, especially silver, showing that the natives' taste leads them to cover their children with ornaments rather than with pretty apparel. The children on Tuesday in this respect formed quite a contrast to the party of prettily dressed English children who were feted on Saturday night. The General deserves the thanks of the community for the interest he has taken in the children of the station. It is delightful to witness it. On Tuesday the ladies and gentlemen present seemed highly delighted with the lively scene.—*Id.*

SUDDEN DEATH AT KURRACHEE.—A Mr. Patterson, an engineer employed in the cotton press, Kurrachee, known as Messrs. Fulcher and Cooper's, died suddenly last Saturday morning, at his house in the Serai Quarter, in the compound in which the press building is situated. The deceased had lately returned from Scotland, whither he had proceeded on leave about four months ago; he came out with his newly-married wife, whom he had left at Bombay with his friends; and embarked for Kurrachee on Friday last. Mr. Patterson had been, we are informed, complaining of severe pains in his chest a day or two days before his death; it is rumoured he drank a mixture which he had prescribed himself, in order to alleviate his suffering, and which mixture caused his death. The report in circulation on Saturday morning was that he had committed suicide, but there is no reason to suppose that Mr. Patterson had the slightest cause to induce him to put an end to his existence.—*Sind News*, Nov 29.

OPENING A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AT KURRACHEE.—The ceremony of opening the new building for the K. E. & I. E. School came off last Saturday evening. There was a very large attendance, the greater number present being composed of the Kurrachee middling classes of Europeans and East Indians, mostly people interested in the institution. The Commissioner in Sind presided, and delivered an address suitable to the occasion, the materials for the discourse being supplied from the yearly reports of the committee; a retrospective view was necessary to enable the audience to acquire an insight into the rise, progress, and present prospects of the school, and Sir William Merewether, therefore, was obliged to go back to the year 1853, and retrace his steps until he came to 1875. A report on the proceedings connected with the building, from its re-erection on the present site to the towards raising funds for its construction, and so forth, was read by the Secretary. We must not omit to mention that prayers were offered up invoking blessings on the school, and a good many took part in the devotions. The excellent band of the 56th, the "Pompadours," was in attendance, and discoursed sweet music occasionally causing hurri to Sirdar Mull; 28th October 1874, fined Rs. 5 for voluntarily causing hurt to Walla Edunjee, during the proceedings; and not a few were obliged to return disappointed in the expectation of securing seats. A little more discrimination might also have been shewn in the way of appropriating the seats; a good many people thrust themselves forward in the front, their proper places being in the rear. On the whole, however, there was not much to complain of in the arrangements which were as perfect as circumstances permitted of their being.—*Sind News.*

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THE ASSAULT BY PARSEES ON MR. LEE-WARNER.

TRIAL OF THE PRISONERS BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

THE trial of Bomonjee Eduljee, Nusserwanjee Cowasjee Nanabhoy Eduljee, Merwanjee Rustomjee, Hormusjee Pallonjee, Cowasjee Eduljee, Merwanjee Eduljee, Ruttonjee Nowrojee, Hormusjee Limjeebhoy, Shapoorjee Sorabjee, and Dhunjeebhoy Merwanjee, who were charged with assaulting Mr. Lee-Warner, Under-Secretary to Government, Political Department, was continued before Mr. C. P. Cooper, at the Fort Police Court yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cleveland appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Pherozsha Mehta, Mr. Pestonjee, and Mr. Ghandibhoy for some of the prisoners.

Keswow Wittoo recalled and further cross-examined by Mr. Pherozsha—I have said that, as my master's carriage entered Jugjeevun Keeka Street, there were five or six carriages in a line. The first was a brougham, which was on the right hand side of the road, that is leaving its proper side the brougham was in the way of the sahib's carriage. The brougham and the sahib's carriage were going one after the other. On the left hand side there was room enough for two carriages to pass abreast between the sahib's carriage and the road. On the right hand side there was not sufficient room for a single carriage to pass. One carriage was approaching from the opposite direction. I cannot say what distance there was between that carriage and the edge of the road on the right hand side. (Points out a distance in Court, which measures about four feet.) Seeing the brougham, I cried out *bajoo hat, bajoo hat i. e.*, drive on one side. "The sahib also said heigh" and then *bajoo jao, bajoo jao, i. e.*, go aside. As the warning was not attended to, the sahib tried to pass by the right hand side, and it was in consequence of that the brougham and my master's carriage came into collision, and the wheel of one carriage got locked into that of the other. I mean to say that the wheel of the dog-cart got behind the rear wheel of the brougham, or they got into one another. No whipping passed between my master and the people on the coachbox of the brougham.

Mr Pherozsha—Will you swear no whipping passed? Now answer my question.

Mr. Cleveland—Now, don't frighten him.

Mr. Pherozsha—I don't want to frighten him at all. I want an answer to my question.

Witness continued—I saw no whipping pass between my master and the people in the brougham, either before or after the collision. I saw no fighting take place. I swear that no whipping passed between them. I got down from the carriage before my master. I got down immediately after the collision took place, and before the wheels were extricated. I did not get back into the carriage after that. I was near the horse when the fat Parsee seized the horse's head; I was standing on the right hand side at a little distance in front of the horse. A fat Parsee then came out of the brougham, the same brougham with which the collision took place. By the fat Parsee I refer to the first defendant. Three Parsees held the horse's reins. Two had seized the reins, and a third was standing close by. One of the three stood in front of the horse's head and one on either side of him. They were all three quite close to the horse's head. The sahib said to them *echoro dao, i. e.* "let go." The Parsees cried out in Gujeratee *nam* (*i. e.*, name.) They used several words in Gujeratee, but I simply heard the word *nam*. I did not understand whether they asked for the sahib name or what. In my direct examination, I said the Parsees demanded the sahib's name. I did not understand the language and cannot say whether they really demanded the sahib's name.

Mr. Pherozsha—Did you understand that the purport of what they said was to demand the sahib's name? I will have an answer, because it is an important point, as an attempt has been made to explain it away.

Witness continued—I thought they demanded the sahib's name. The day before yesterday that the sahib refused to give his name. I am not sure of that. The sahib said *nihi*; and the Parsee said *toomarra nam*," (*i. e.* your name.) I do not understand English, and cannot say whether what I said the other day is false. There was a bullock, and the sahib said once or twice *nihi*. It was after the Parsee had said *nam*. The sahib got down, snatched the reins from the Parsee's hands, and raised up his hand, whereupon the Parsee put himself into an attitude of fighting.

Mr. Pherozsha—Did the sahib or the Parsee strike the first blow?

Witness fenced with the question, which was repeated several times. Witness then said—When the sahib raised his hand, the Parsees commenced to strike. The sahib then struck a return.

Mr. Pherozsha—Did you see the sahib strike the first blow?

Witness did not give a direct answer.

The Magistrate—Did you see who struck first?

Witness fenced with the question.

Mr. Pherozsha—Will your Worship take a note that the man has been fencing with my questions for the last five minutes.

The Magistrate—The question appears to be a fair and reasonable one, and the witness must answer it.

Mr. Cleveland—I understand he has answered the question already. Of course we don't know what is said.

The Magistrate—Did you see the first defendant strike the first blow?

Witness—I was standing near my horse. There was great confusion, and how can I say who struck first. I did not see the sahib striking—he was alone in a crowd. I saw the Parsees striking.

The Magistrate read from witness's direct examination, in which he had said the sahib struck a blow; and asked whether that was true or false.

Witness fenced with the question, but did not answer it.

The Magistrate—Did you see the first defendant strike the first blow?

Witness—What I stated on the first day must be true.

The Magistrate—Then it is true that the sahib got down and struck a blow?

Witness—There was great confusion, and the Parsees struck the sahib.

The Magistrate—I ask you again who struck the first blow?

Witness—The sahib got down, caught the Parsee's hand and the Parsees commenced to strike.

The Magistrate—Who struck the first blow?

Witness—Both struck simultaneously. The sahib raised his fist, and the Parsees commenced striking him at once.

Mr. Cleveland—The man is frightened.

Mr. Pherozsha—I have left the matter entirely in your Worship's hands for the last five minutes.

The Magistrate—What is your question now?

Mr. Pherozsha—Whether he saw the sahib strike the fat Parsee?

The Witness fenced with the question again, saying—The sahib got down, seized the Parsee's hand, and raised his hand, when the Parsees began to strike?

The Magistrate—Did you see the sahib strike the fat Parsee.

Witness again fenced with the question.

Mr. Pherozsha—Will your Worship allow the man to waste the time of the Court so long? He has been fencing with my questions all the time.

The Magistrate—Did you see the sahib strike the fat Parsee—yes or no?

Witness—I saw this only—the sahib seized the Parsee's hand, and the Parsees began to strike.

The Magistrate—Did the sahib strike the fat Parsee or not?

Witness—I saw the sahib strike the first blow, and then the Parsees began to strike him.

Mr. Pherozsha—Was it the fat Parsee, the first defendant, who was struck?

Witness—Yes.

The other Parsees got out of the carriages and a struggle ensued.

Mr. Pherozsha—It is no use asking the man any further questions.

Cross-examined by second defendant—I did state to Mr. Edginton that you held the horse's reins.

The Magistrate—You stated here that he knocked your turban off. How could he have done both things at the same time?

Witness—He knocked off my turban after the confusion ensued. He first held the horse's reins.

To third defendant—I did state before Mr. Edginton that you struck me with a stick. It was a walking stick. (Shows the size of the stick to be about three inches thick).

Cross-examined by Mr. Pestonjee for other defendants—I never before saw any of these Parsees. I was confused when the row occurred.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ghandibhoy—My master's whip was broken that day, but I cannot say how. I did not see any Parsees fallen down.

The defendants were told to mix up in another order from that in which they stood before, and witness was told to go and point out the same defendants that he pointed out the other day. He now pointed out defendants Nos. 1, 2, 5, 7, and 9.

Re-examined by Mr. Cleveland—I don't know what the Gujerati language is. I cannot speak a word of it, not even half a word. I don't know a word of English. I cannot say whether a person is speaking English or Gujeratee. I told the brougham that was in the road to go aside, because its left hand side was empty or clear. When a collision was about to take place, I came down. The sahib's whip was not then broken. I saw it broken after the row was over. By the collision, one spoke of my master's carriage became loose, and three were damaged. I mean they were grazed by the wheel of the brougham.

Mr. Pherozsha said the question did not arise out of the cross-examination.

Mr. Cleveland said if the dog-cart was produced, it would show that it was first run into.

The Magistrate said he did not think that would appear clearly from the appearance of the dog-cart.

Mr. Cleveland said any body who understood anything of horses and carriages could see that at once.

Witness said he cannot say exactly what rate the dog-cart was going. I got down as soon as the collision occurred. There was no difficulty in getting the dog-cart clear of the shigram. After that, the sahib did not drive on, for the Parsees seized the horse's reins. This was the first time we came up to; the other carriages had gone forward. I got down from the carriage and went up to the horse which had got a little restive.

TWO MORE DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED.

Mr. Cleveland said he would not press the charge against defendants Nos. 6 and 11, Mr. Ghandibhoy's clients. They were accordingly discharged.

Dhondoo Sittaram was called as the next witness; and Mr. Cleveland said he was called to prove three previous convictions against the first defendant, Bomonjee Eduljee, for assault, which would show the likelihood of his being an assailant in this instance.

Mr. Pherozsha objected to the admissibility of the evidence; but reserved his objections until he heard what the man had to say.

Mr. Cleveland read out the convictions as follows:—On the 10th September 1869, fined Rs. 7 for using criminal force to Kama Urjun; 9th October 1871, fined Rs. 10 for wantonly causing hurt to Sirdar Mull; 28th October 1874, fined Rs. 5 for voluntarily causing hurt to Walla Edunjee,

Dhondoo Sittaram examined by Mr. Cleveland—I am a mookhtiar vakil, and have known Bomonjee Eduljee for two years. I appeared as tivakil against him.

Witness produced a Mahratti document, which had not been translated into English; and Mr. Pherozsha objected to its being received at all.

Pending a translation of the document, the witness's statement was postponed.

Mr. Cleveland asked that the bail of the first three defendants, after the evidence already adduced, should be increased.

The Magistrate said he saw no reason for doing so.

Mr. Cleveland—Of course the responsibility is with your Worship.

The case was then adjourned until 2 P. M. to-day.

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THE CARANDINI OPERATIC AND BALLAD COMPANY.

THIS afternoon there is to be a promenade Concert at the Town Hall, a novelty certainly in Bombay. The Carandini Company give a grand instrumental and vocal Concert at 5-30 P. M., a very convenient time, to conclude at 7 P. M., also convenient. The prices are reduced, and the band of the 2nd Queen's Royal Regiment will assist, so that the Concert this afternoon is really, as described in the advertisement, a "great attraction." About half the hall will be given up to the promenade, the portion for reserved and unreserved seats being retained nearly as usual. There will, no doubt, be a large attendance this afternoon.

DIVINE SERVICES.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

DECEMBER 5TH—2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

7-30 A.M.—1st Celebration of Holy Communion. 11 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon. 2nd Celebration of Holy Communion. Hymns 33 and 345, 2nd part. 5-30 P.M.—Litany. 6 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 33, 328 and 36. The Offertories will be devoted as usual.

HOLY-DAYS—6-45 P.M.—Daily Prayers during Advent.

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[CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.]—DEC. 5.

Morning Service at 11 o'clock—Psalm 116 1-7; tune, Manchester 193. Par. 44-1; Tune, Grafenberg 90. Hymn 84; Tune, Irish 110 Hymn 100, tune Berlin 230. Evening Service at 6 o'clock—(The Lord's Supper). Psalm 103, 1, 2, 8—13, tune, London New 131. Hymn 189, tune, Halle 295. Par. 35, tune Communion 9. Par. 60, tune French 94.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SONAPORE.

DECEMBER 5TH—2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

7-30 A.M.—Celebration of Holy Communion. 8-15 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon. Hymn 53, Hark the glad sound. Hymn 217, Thy Kingdom come, O God. 6 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by the Ven'ble Archdeacon. C. H. Leigh-Lane. Hymn 243, Lord, thy Word abideth. 226. The world is very evil. 215, The Church's One Foundation. The offertory will be devoted to the repairs of the Church just completed.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

PUBLIC SERVICES will be held at the following places during the coming week:—

Pallaad Road Hall, Byculla; Forbes Street, Fort; and at Mazagon, on Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Monday, 7-3 p.m. Thursday, 7-30 p.m.—All persons are cordially invited.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BELLASIS ROAD.

A third lecture on THE TEMPTATION OF OUR LORD will be delivered to-morrow evening by the Rev. John Urquhart. Worship will begin at six o'clock. The Rev. R. Stothert will address the young men's fellowship meeting at 7 a.m. Young men are cordially invited.

IN THE HARBOUR.

DIVINE SERVICE will be held (D. V.) every Sunday on board the Hulk Auckland at 11 a.m. and not on board the Semiramis as previously advertised. Captains, officers and seamen of vessels in harbour are invited to attend. The Bethel flag will be hoisted.

HIGH COURT—DECEMBER 3.

(Before the HON. MR. JUSTICE BAYLEY.)

AN ENGINE DRIVER'S MATRIMONIAL DIFFICULTIES—A DIVORCE DECREED.

THE case in which Thomas James Procter, an engine driver in the employment of the G. I. P. Railway, petitioned for a decree divorcing his wife Susannah Procter, on account of adultery, and claimed Rs. 10,000 damages from Edward Webb, another engine driver in the same employment, and the co-respondent, came on yesterday for further hearing. Mr. Scoble, Advocate General, appeared for the petitioner, and Mr. Inverarity for the co-respondent.

His Lordship asked if there was any possibility of a settlement of the case being arrived at.

Mr. Inverarity—Well, my Lord, we have made what I think is a very fair offer indeed to the other side; and the only point on which we are at variance is as regards the payment of costs between attorney and client. I think the amount we have offered is more than your Lordship would give if the case were tried out; but our object is not to go on incurring costs for perhaps another three days.

His Lordship—If you like, I will sit down for your consideration what I think will be a fair offer. Of course, it is without prejudice.

His Lordship here handed a note to Mr. Inverarity, who, on reading it, said—I think you will be of opinion that we were extremely liberal, my Lord. I will hand your Lordship the letter containing the proposal.

His Lordship (to Mr. Scoble)—You see, it is not as if you had got a co-respondent in receipt of a large salary.

Mr. Inverarity—I think Rs. 300 would be the outside awarded against my client; and I advised him to offer another Rs. 200 to close the case at once, because the extra costs would probably make the difference.

His Lordship—Well, you don't seem to have been very far wrong.

Mr. Scoble, after conferring with his client

EUROPEAN AND OTHER EXTRACTS

THE GERMAN EXPEDITION IN SOUTH WESTERN AFRICA.

(Pall Mall Budget.)

At the last sitting of the Berlin Geographical Society Dr. Gussfeldt gave an account of his recent expedition in South Western Africa. Three years, he said, have elapsed since the Geographical Society proposed to commence a series of German explorations in Equatorial Africa; the plan was warmly supported by the Emperor, the princes of the House of Hohenzollern, and the German Sovereigns, and in May, 1873, the African Society was formed with the above object. The expedition under Dr. Gussfeldt was got ready in the following month, and on the 30th of June it left Berlin. Dr. Gussfeldt arrived on the Loango coast on the 25th of July, 1873; but the ship which was to have taken him there was wrecked off Sierra Leone, and he barely escaped with his life. Though most of the stores taken out with the expedition were lost in the wreck, he determined to lose no time in carrying out the objects of his mission, which were—first, to establish a depot on the Loango Coast; and, second, to explore the interior. Finding that for the latter object a knowledge of Portuguese was indispensable, the members of the expedition first set themselves to the study of that language, which Dr. Gussfeldt learned to speak in six weeks with sufficient accuracy to make himself understood. He and Professor Bastian selected Chinchoxo as their central depot; and, after making it sufficiently habitable for Europeans, they proceeded into the interior with a thermometer, an astronomical almanack, an aneroid, a compass, and a chronometer, which they had saved from the wreck. The territory into which they penetrated lies between the third and sixth degrees of south latitude, and is divided into a northern and a southern portion, which were formerly distinct States. The negroes are all under the yoke of fetishism; they believe in a Supreme Being, but make use of the fetishes as mediators. Each fetish has its "doctor," who enjoys special privileges. Of Christianity there is no trace. The commercial products are palm oil, gum, and a little ivory; but they are too small in quantity to attract white traders into the interior. There are four classes among the natives. The first is that of the princes, who, however, are not held in such high estimation as the princesses, whose children all belong to the first class, however low the caste of their father may be, while those of the princes are put in a lower class. When a man wishes to marry he has to buy a wife, but it is no shame for a girl to live with a man to whom she has not been married. The negroes take a pride in having many wives, children, and slaves. Their dress is primitive, though that of the women is very decent. Each village consists of about twenty-five huts; they are organized on the patriarchal principle, under a recognized chief. The men live with their wives inside the huts, and the children outside, under a projecting roof. They cultivate maize, beans, pine-apples, oranges, mangoes, and tobacco, but only in sufficient quantities for their immediate wants, so that a famine is often the consequence of a bad harvest. The rains begin in October, last uninterruptedly till the beginning of December, and then begin again in January, after which they continue till March. The principal rivers are the Zaire in the south and the Ogowi in the north. The expedition first proceeded by the Guillah river. After passing through woods of mangroves and thick underwood, it reached the cataracts, which the negroes asserted had never yet been seen by any white man. Dr. Gussfeldt was everywhere received with much ceremony by the native chiefs. On arriving at the cataracts, he determined to continue his journey by land, and, notwithstanding a sharp attack of fever, he succeeded in crossing a mountain chain about 2,000 feet high. The adventurous travellers met with endless difficulties. Every evening, after a long day's march, they had to negotiate with the village elders for provisions and a night's lodging, and much time and trouble often had to be expended in resisting exorbitant demands. The astronomical observations could only be carried on in secret, as the superstitious natives would have otherwise looked upon the party as magicians, and perhaps have murdered them. Notwithstanding all that Dr. Gussfeldt pushed on, but at last he was abandoned by his negro followers, and found it necessary to turn back. He returned to his station in December 1873, made a number of meteorological observations, and explored the Loango river up to the falls and to Loangelo. He expresses his conviction that it would have been practicable to penetrate from this point into the interior if porters could have been obtained, but the negroes in the south-west of Africa are useless for this purpose, as they firmly believe that the interior is peopled by cannibals, and they cannot, therefore, be persuaded to go beyond a certain distance. They are cowardly, greedy and suspicious, and all Dr. Gussfeldt's efforts to secure them who could be trusted to assist him in his explorations completely failed. Notwithstanding this, the leaders of the expedition remained until the spring of the present year, hoping that the porters, who were indispensably necessary to carry out their objects, would arrive during the rainy season. Meanwhile Dr. Gussfeldt explored the country on the other side of the river Nianga, but was again foiled by the desertion of his negro attendants, after which he proceeded for some distance along the river Nianga. This stream is 300 paces broad at its mouth, its banks are thinly peopled, and the Bayakkas, to whom the country belongs, live chiefly on bananas and some few agricultural products. At last a hundred porters arrived, but most of them were undersized and half-starved, and the native traders, fearing that the expedition would be prejudicial to their interests, worked on the superstitious fears of the new-comers with such success that nearly all of them fled shortly after their arrival. This destroyed the last hopes of the leaders of the expedition, and they accordingly returned without achieving their object. Dr. Gussfeldt concluded his address by expressing the opinion that the obstacles to a scientific exploration of Central Africa from the south-western coast are insurmountable. Besides the difficulty of obtaining trustworthy porters, numberless small territories have to be passed through the rulers of which all suspect European aggressive designs and hinder their advance; and the larger the expedition the greater will be the distrust it inspires.

THE BANKRUPTCY OF DR. STROUSBERG.

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PROCEEDINGS in bankruptcy against the estate of Dr. Strousberg were formally opened here on the 4th inst. At first it was reported that the court would not grant the motion of the creditors, as there was not apparently enough available property to pay the costs, but this difficulty seems to have been surmounted. Simultaneously, therefore, at Moscow, Prague, and Berlin, the Courts are proceeding against this daring speculator, with the additional humiliation at Berlin, his home, where he possessed a palatial house whose treasures of art and luxury were the wonder of the city, that the proceedings are at first delayed because there is not property enough to pay the costs of the Court.

In the meantime the daily papers are full of gossip about the affair, which is more or less trustworthy, but is full of interest. At the meeting of creditors here there was also a representative from Prague. On his return he called an assembly of his constituents and fellow-sufferers, and while they were debating the situation a telegram from Dr. Strousberg arrived, with the assurance that as soon as he should be liberated the bankruptcy would be regularly accepted. The labourers at Bubna have sent a deputation to Vienna to ask the intervention of the State. The books of the "Central Administration" were found in disorder, and the contractor of the "Vorok" scheme has been arrested. The approaches to the castle at Zbirow are guarded by military. The Count at this place was compelled to summon aid from Prague. At Zbirou, Dr. Strousberg would seem to have lived like a feudal prince. His subordinates throughout were Prussians, and the Hungarians were persistently snubbed. The Lieutenant of Dr. Strousberg was called a "General Director," and he received a magnificent salary, elegant dwellings, and they travelled like proconsuls.

Among the people in the neighbourhood, Dr. Strousberg enjoyed complete confidence, and they were only too ready to lend money off hand for his magnificent schemes. It is mentioned that a brewer from Horowitz lent him 10,000 florins for the privilege of providing beer to the men at the works. Another person delivered, per contract, cement to the value of 9,000 florins only two hours before the attachments were made, and the cement shared the common lot.

Another Hungarian paper, still more enterprising, describes the movements of the family of the great debtor. Madame Strousberg, an English lady, started at once with the children for Moscow, where she hoped to effect the release of her husband. At the station they were watched by an immense crowd, who showed a respectful sympathy for their grief. It is stated that she had previously disposed of her jewels and other costly private treasures, and turned the proceeds—some 300,000 thalers—over to her husband. Among these articles was a necklace in pearls, five-fold, which fetched 20,000 thalers. She had furthermore sold for 2,500,000 thalers a mine which she held in her own name. This sum was also devoted to Dr. Strousberg' enterprises.

The stories from Moscow recall almost the days of George Law. The worthy doctor seems to have so dazzled the Muscovite capitalists by the splendour of his scheme and the regal magnificence of his conduct, that they never thought of examining his bank account. Nevertheless there were symptoms of the catastrophe long before it actually came. As it became known that the so-called "Loan Bank" was deeply involved with Dr. Strousberg, several other banks and credit institutions ceased to have connections with it. The managing director of the bank was Poljansky. In his absence one day, and while he was represented by Milliotí, a draft for 87,000 roubles came back for payment. Milliotí, with a degree of prudence which seems to have been unusual at the bank, looked at the books and found that the draft had not been entered. This, of course, led to trouble. The directors were called in, found affairs in sad confusion, and summoned a council of stockholders. Into this council suddenly appeared Dr. Strousberg and demanded—a new loan! Of course this was refused, and one of the directors asked why he had not kept previous engagements. This made the doctor angry, and he pronounced the caution of the directors "stupidity." What could a man of genius do with such stupid people? If the Bank was not prepared to give him a new loan of 2,000,000 roubles it would not get a kopek, because he would go into bankruptcy, "play the bankrupt," the *St. Petersburger Zeitung* says. At his hotel in Moscow Dr. Strousberg lived as became his pretensions. He had a whole suite of retainers, a secretary, an interpreter, a courier, a footman, &c. He paid 150 roubles per day. When this grand seigneur was arrested there were found in his pocket just 160 roubles.

The stock of the Moscow Bank was a popular form of investment for small savings. Many poor people, widows, clergymen, and professional men, had lent their all to an institution behind which stood the best men in the city, and now—general bankruptcy. One aged widow who is blind, finds herself suddenly penniless, and has been taken to an asylum. The creditors here have requested the Government to effect the release of Dr. Strousberg, but, so far, without avail.

INDIA: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL.

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WHEN you asked me to supplement, by a political paper, the studiously unpolitical Notes, which you have allowed me to publish in the *Contemporary*, I felt myself in a difficult position. I have been too much, for the last six years, behind the scenes, to make it proper for me to write much about *current* Indian politics; and besides, to sit down in cold blood to write a political essay upon India would result, if one could bring oneself to do it, in the production, not of an article, but of a volume.

I replied accordingly to your suggestion, that I could not attempt to write a political paper unless you would give me a list of those questions as to which you and your readers were good enough to wish to have my opinion.* That list is now before me, and I am happy to say, that there is not a question in it on which I shall find any difficulty in giving you my opinion, for what it is worth, with perfect unreserve. I have been accused sometimes of expressing very positive opinions about Indian matters, but any one who takes the trouble to examine into the truth of this accusation will see that I have never expressed positive opinions upon Indian matters except when I was speaking not in my own name, but as the mouthpiece of the Secretary of State in Council, and when it was my obvious duty to give no uncertain sound. If any opinions which I am *now* going to express seem to be positive, pray understand that I merely state them positively in order to be brief. I have the most unfeigned distrust of my own individual opinion about Indian matters, although I have also the most unfeigned want of respect for the very confident criticisms upon those opinions which I often see or hear delivered by persons who have not taken anything like the same pains to form opinions worth having upon things and people in India.

You begin by asking me in what sort of ways India most strikes me as a benefit to England rather than a burden and a risk.

To that question I reply, I think that India is chiefly useful to England in that it enlarges our national view of things; in that it affords a market for the products of our industry; in that it sends to us many valuable commodities; and in that it obtains for us increased consideration from other nations.

Let us take each of these four heads in order.

It is no slight advantage to any nation to have a large body of its middle class sent every year to the other end of the world to carry on great affairs, and to bring back, at a later period of life, its experience and knowledge to the country of its birth. No doubt, it will be replied, that the returned Indian has, hitherto, not been a progressive element in our society. That is true enough, but he has brought back a great deal of knowledge and a great deal of experience which *might*, under certain circumstances, have been very useful in this country. I myself have known numbers of men who began their Indian life in the first years of this century, and who never played an important part in Great Britain, who I am very sure could have done so, and would have been most useful citizens, if circumstances had arisen to call them out. There they were, a latent force, living quietly, not influencing very much the march of affairs, but still a distinct addition to the *reserve strength* of the nation. The present generation of Indians, so far as I have been able to judge, are superior even to these men, whom I am, you perceive, very far from disposed to undervalue. I think that, when they return home, they will exert a more progressive influence than their predecessors did; not necessarily in public affairs, but in the general life of the country. I speak under correction, but I should say, that the intellectual life of an ordinary Indian station in the year 1875 is very decidedly above the intellectual life of an ordinary English neighbourhood.

I know that many will say that India is an extremely bad school for English politics; that the Indian, according to his temperament, is likely to come back with either too despotic notions, or with ideas about economical matters, private property in land for example, in a very chaotic state—nay, that you will sometimes get a man of great ability, who swings about between Toryism and Radicalism like a gun on shipboard which has broken loose in a gale. I do not at all deny this, and am quite willing to give to it as much importance as it deserves; but the number of such Indians who will have direct influence will be not great. The majority of men and women who go to India, especially in these days, when frequent visits to Europe will enable them to keep up their home interests, will be improved by their temporary exile.

People must be preternaturally stupid who do not gain a great many new ideas by being exported to Asia; and depend upon it, in one way or other, these ideas circulate at home, and raise the whole level of national thought, not very much, perhaps, but still to an appreciable extent.

Then the imperial temper, if kept within bounds by reason and justice, by thinking more of the duties to others which vast possessions impose, than of the rights which they confer *over* others, is distinctly good, adds to the individual power of the Englishman, and to the power of the nation to which he belongs. You see something of the same good effect when you travel in Holland, and talk to people there, from the possession by Holland of the second colonial empire in the world. You see something of the disadvantages of the absence of it, when you travel in France. Who shall say that the passion of France for military glory in Europe has not been largely stimulated by the want of such a field for imagination and enterprise as India has afforded to us?

Now we come to the importance of India as a market for the products of our industry. I know that it is quite a common thing to overrate its importance in this respect. If you look at the population of India, and the amount of our trade with her, it is indeed surprisingly small. Doubtless, it will increase, though by no means so fast as many sanguine persons believe. Still, such as it is, it is eminently worth saving; and most assuredly, if India had been left to tear her own vitals, or if she had become a French possession, *our* trade with her would not have been nearly so great.

On the other hand, it is quite possible that the Indian trade has absorbed capital and ability which, if we had not had India, might have been still more to the advantage of its possessors, in developing the colonies; and very likely, too, if there had been no India, our merchants would have pressed more continuously upon successive Governments the doing all they could to open far nearer and *more profitable* markets in Europe. "Far-off fowls have feathers fair," is a true saying in commerce, as in many other things.

Then again, India sends us many valuable commodities, which she would not have sent to any one if she had gone on tearing her own vitals; while, if she had become a French possession, French, and not English, merchants and shipowners would have netted great gains by the carriage and distribution of these valuable commodities.

Lastly, if consideration from other nations is of importance, there can be no doubt that our Indian Empire gives us greatly increased consideration throughout the world. True, that consideration is usually given from mistaken reason. India is supposed to add to our strength, from which it certainly at this moment detracts, and is supposed to add to our wealth very much more than it really does. Only very well-informed persons on the continent of Europe are exempt from the delusion that England receives a direct money tribute from India, as Holland does from Java; and again, thanks to our national habit of self-depreciation, a habit only less disgusting than the coarse form of self-laudation, you find an idea widely spread, and existing in very high quarters indeed, that the English rule in India is a cruel, or at least a harsh one. Still, everywhere, it conveys an idea of vast power and limitless resources, and that is good, because in a certain sense it is perfectly true. It might be said that a greater colonial empire would have done this same work. I do not think it would. It is quite true how little our existing colonial empire, to which India is in point of size a very small affair indeed, strikes the European, or even for that matter the English imagination. How many people know that the territory of poor Western Australia, the Cinderella of the Southern Seas, is about as large as *British* India? Besides, if our colonial empire had increased too rapidly on us, other colonies would have perhaps grown *strong* before we grew *wise*, as the United States did; and we should have lost, first, energy and treasure in trying to keep them, and next, them into the bargain. India, too, has been for ages the land of romance. No colony could have affected the imagination as it has done.

I am very anxious not to overstate these advantages, but they must be allowed, *even in the past and present*, to be considerable; while in dealing with India we must never forget that the play is not played out, that she may yet do (*I think she will do*) much more for us than she has done. If a great many of the benefits which she is hereafter likely to confer upon us are benefits in which the whole world will share as much as we—the kind of benefits, I mean, which are so admirably set forth in Sir Henry Maine's "Rede Lecture,"—I can only say, "*Eh! bien, le grand emalheur!*"

But while some persons will say that I *overstate* the advantages which come to us from India, others will say that I *understate*, when "His forgets," such people will murmur, "the vast benefits which England derives from the number of careers which India has opened to Englishmen, and he forgets that it has been an admirable training ground for our armies." He forgets neither the one nor the other, but he thinks that too much may easily be said about both.

India does, indeed, provide an early competency for a large number of persons, and the aggregate amount of wealth brought home by individuals must, even in this day, when the pagoda tree has been cut down, be very considerable. Supposing, however, there were no India, the surplus part of that section of our population which now goes to India would go to the colonies and to various parts of the Continent, and make a career there. Take the case of Scotland. Before the Scotch went to India they became famous all over Central Europe in three different ways. Large numbers of the men of rank went into Continental armies, large numbers of the trading class went as traders into Poland and Prussia while the learned class went everywhere, from Paris to Bologna and Rome. Now-a-days all these careers would be closed to our Scotch youth, but they would soon invent other careers for themselves. Still it is probable that many of them would remain in the lands of their adoption, and would not bring back their wealth to Britain. Yet, on the other hand, a good many *would* return; there would be less money expended in overlasting journeys to and fro for health, there would be far less misery in families, and something would be gained by keeping in the country a per-centage of ability and energy which we now export, to consume its best ability and energy in the tropics.

Then again as to India being a training-ground for our Generals; no doubt it was so at one time and to some extent, but it can never be so again. The whole conditions are altered. "Debellavimus superbos" with a vengeance, and no fighting that could now take place in India would be of any avail for the instruction of our armies, with reference to any field in which they are likely to be engaged on a large scale. For European warfare, India may be said to be what troops are likely to get in India now, *by actual warfare*, would probably be distinctly bad—bad in the way in which the Algerian training was bad for the French.

Now I come to your second question—Is India a strength or a weakness to England?

Certainly a weakness and a serious weakness, but a weakness. A weakness, that is, in material strength. Of course, it is impossible to say how much importance is to be attached to that enlarging the national view and quickening the national pulse to which I have already alluded. People will attach less or more importance to it according to their temperament; but I cannot conceive there being any doubt as to the possession of India making us very much weaker in Europe and in America. In Asia, of course, it is otherwise; but the additional strength given in dealing, for non-Indian purposes, with such States as Persia or China, or certain parts of the Turkish Empire, including Egypt, by the possession of India, is not worth considering, when compared with the clog it is upon our power nearer home. As against France, for instance, or Russia or Germany, we should be much stronger for wanting India. If we had no India, we should be at once able to put our army on a totally different and, for European purposes, a very much more efficient footing. I, personally, do not much regret this, because I think the occasions on which we shall be called upon to take part in European wars are likely to be very few and far between; but the fire eating portion of the community, and those who think that it is a part of England's business to be a sort of knight-errant—now fighting against France to help Germany, and now against Germany to help France—ought, if it were consistent, to wish India at the bottom of its own ocean.

You ask me, thirdly, whether I think it would have been worth while to take India, supposing we could have sat down beforehand to consider the matter by the light of the future.

That is a very difficult question. I think, however, that if I were to understand you to mean, would it have been for the advantage of England to have had an Indian Empire, if our Indian business, so to speak, was now, *in this year* 1875, to go into liquidation? I would answer it in the negative. I think we might have made a better use of our national energy, and genius, and capital; but if I am to understand the question to apply to the future, I should find it hard to give any answer at all. On the one hand, there is every reason to hope that by our rule in India we shall succeed in making that vast country enormously more useful to the world than it is now, or could ever have been under other circumstances. On the other hand, it is impossible to say what results might not have been produced in fields of enterprise more congenial to English habits—in fields of enterprise where our race could have maintained and multiplied itself. And if it be replied that the prosperity of the colonies is of a much more homely and less glorious kind, I would reply that the colonies are still, even the most forward of them, very undeveloped communities, and that we hardly know how much they might be contributing to their higher work of the world—to its science, its literature, its social and legislative improvement—if a large portion of the wealth which has gone to conquer and govern India had gone to them. And this is India you have always—what you have not, to anything like the same extent, in the colonies—the element of the Unknown to reckon with. You are making an absolutely novel experiment. Even the history of Rome, in her dealings with the provinces—the only one which presents the slightest analogy—offers you no help. Things are continually springing up in India which show that you are surrounded by unknown dangers—dangers which may well make even those anxious who, like myself, attach no importance to some of the recognized and stock dangers which are periodically trotted out by alarmists.

I never read a description of a great ship steaming through a fog on the banks of Newfoundland when icebergs are known to be about without thinking of our government of India. We can do nothing except what the captain does in that case—get the keenest-eyed men in the ship to watch, and go right ahead. It is impossible not to see that things which we are promoting every day in India draw with them very great dangers; but still it is right to promote them, in the spirit of that noble passage of Lord Metcalfe, which I once quoted before in speaking of India, but which is worth repeating:—

"The world is governed by an irresistible Power, which giveth and taketh away dominion; and vain would be the impotent prudence of men against the operations of its almighty influence. All that rulers can do is to merit dominion by promoting the happiness of those under them. If we perform our duty in this respect, the gratitude of India and the admiration of the world will accompany our name through all ages, whatever may be the revolutions of futurity; but if we withhold blessings from our subjects from a selfish apprehension of possible danger at a remote period, we shall not deserve to keep our dominion; we shall merit that reverse which time has possibly in store for us, and shall fall with the mingled hatred and contempt, the hisses and execrations, of mankind."

You ask, fourthly, what I think would be the economical disadvantages of dropping India now, apart from moral and sentimental considerations, to which you naturally and properly attach "immense weight."

To that I reply, the thing would be absolutely impossible, however much you might desire it. Think first what conceivable arrangement could be made about the Indian debt, any interference with which would carry discomfort, not to say ruin, into so many British households. What arrangement could be made about the railways, as to which the same remark would apply? What about all the numerous creations of English capital in various parts of the country? How would you compensate all your servants whose careers would be destroyed by your abandonment of India? How would you pay the pensions of all of those who have served that country under your *regime*, and whose means of livelihood is largely derived from her revenues? How would you compensate the innumerable traders who would be so grievously prejudiced by your change of policy, as to have a good right to ask for compensation? No, putting moral and sentimental considerations entirely on one side, we are in for it, and must stick to it. I cannot conceive any one coming to an opposite conclusion, even if he took the gloomiest view possible, and had persuaded himself that Clive and Hastings had simply got their country into the most magnificent scrape recorded in history.

When we add the moral and sentimental considerations to these economical ones, we may be very sure that England will hold on to *India and to the perfect freedom of the Isthmus transit*, even if she had to go through such a strain in doing so as she did in the Napoleonic War.

I know that a certain kind of politicians believe that when the wage-receiving class knows its own strength, it will deliberately come to the conclusion that it is against its interests that we should stay in India, and instruct its representatives accordingly; but I believe that to be a complete delusion.

You inquire, fifthly, whether a personal view of India has affected my faith in the stability of our rule there, and in what way it has done so, and why.

To that I reply, it certainly *has* affected my opinion, and affected it favourably. Before I went to India I was more occupied with the obvious difficulties that beset our rule, difficulties which are brought home every day to any one before whose eyes the whole course of our Indian government passes from week to week, as it did for more than five years before mine. When I *was* travelling in the country, I was in the position of a spectator. I knew the difficulties of India were just the same, and that could be covered by the fire of the fort guns, and when the Mysore horsemen were swarming all over the quiet compounds which spread on every side of me. At Satara I thought of my father, sent with one single European to reduce to subjection, to reorganize, and to administer a country about as large as a third of Scotland, covered with armed men and filled with hill forts. In the Punjaub I bought of the desperate struggles by which we won it. At Surat I thought of our humble mercantile beginnings. Every place, in fact, to which I went had some history attached to it, which made me say, "Well, things are difficult enough, God knows, and new problems of all kinds are rising, but is there any reason to suppose that our sons will not be as equal to the solution of their new problems as our fathers were to that of the old?"

Then, when one actually sees our Indian officials in the middle of their work, they impress one very much more than they do when you see them in this country. The way in which men, even of moderate ability, are called out and ripened by early responsibility, and by the habit of command, is very wonderful, and must be seen to be understood. And these men, so individually efficient, for the most part, are linked together by the closest tie. They form one vast club, as has been very truly said, holding every military position of strength, and every civil position of importance, throughout a land which is covered by races which have no bond whatever to each other, and which, if the white faces were withdrawn to-morrow, would be instantly and actively engaged in cutting each other's throats, till the whole peninsula was one scene of desolation and blood.

Again, till one actually sees the natives in masses, one does not realize how great the gap between them and ourselves, considered as a whole, in fact is! We see in this country remarkable individuals—clever boys, who come over to push their fortunes; men of rank, who have had the strength of mind to set at nought the prejudices which oppose themselves to their coming to this country. Sensible people do not, of course, imitate those public speakers who talk of "the Indians" as if India was anything, or ever had been anything, but a geographical expression; nor do they quote the memorials of this or that association in the Presidency towns, as if they, in the most distant manner, represented anything but themselves. But still they often do not realize how utterly *unpolitical* is the vast mass of the population which lives in India; how little they are touched by the kind of Indian questions which now goes to India would go to the colonies and to various parts of the Continent, and make a career there. Take the case of Scotland. Before the Scotch went to India they became famous all over Central Europe in three different ways. Large numbers of the men of rank went into Continental armies, large numbers of the trading class went as traders into Poland and Prussia while the learned class went everywhere, from Paris to Bologna and Rome. Now-a-days all these careers would be closed to our Scotch youth, but they would soon invent other careers for themselves. Still it is probable that many of them would remain in the lands of their adoption, and would not bring back their wealth to Britain. Yet, on the other hand, a good many *would* return; there would be less money expended in overlasting journeys to and fro for health, there would be far less misery in families, and something would be gained by keeping in the country a per-centage of ability and energy which we now export, to consume its best ability and energy in the tropics.

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Now I come to your second question—Is India a strength or a weakness to England?

Certainly a weakness and a serious weakness, but a weakness. A weakness, that is, in material strength. Of course, it is impossible to say how much importance is to be attached to that enlarging the national view and quickening the national pulse to which I have already alluded. People will attach less or more importance to it according to their temperament; but I cannot conceive there being any doubt as to the possession of India making us very much weaker in Europe and in America. In Asia, of course, it is otherwise; but the additional strength given in dealing, for non-Indian purposes, with such States as Persia or China, or certain parts of the Turkish Empire, including Egypt, by the possession of India, is not worth considering, when compared with the clog it is upon our power nearer home. As against France, for instance, or Russia or Germany, we should be much stronger for wanting India. If we had no India, we should be at once able to put our army on a totally different and, for European purposes, a very much more efficient footing. I, personally, do not much regret this, because I think the occasions on which we shall be called upon to take part in European wars are likely to be very few and far between; but the fire eating portion of the community, and those who think that it is a part of England's business to be a sort of knight-errant—now fighting against France to help Germany, and now against Germany to help France—ought, if it were consistent, to wish India at the bottom of its own ocean.

You ask me, thirdly, whether I think it would have been worth while to take India, supposing we could have sat down beforehand to consider the matter by the light of the future.

That is a very difficult question. I think, however, that if I were to understand you to mean, would it have been for the advantage of England to have had an Indian Empire, if our Indian business, so to speak, was now, *in this year* 1875, to go into liquidation? I would answer it in the negative. I think we might have made a better use of our national energy, and genius, and capital; but if I am to understand the question to apply to the future, I should find it hard to give any answer at all. On the one hand, there is every reason to hope that by our rule in India we shall succeed in making that vast country enormously more useful to the world than it is now, or could ever have been under other circumstances. On the other hand, it is impossible to say what results might not have been produced in fields of enterprise more congenial to English habits—in fields of enterprise where our race could have maintained and multiplied itself. And if it be replied that the prosperity of the colonies is of a much more homely and less glorious kind, I would reply that the colonies are still, even the most forward of them, very undeveloped communities, and that we hardly know how much they might be contributing to their higher work of the world—to its science, its literature, its social and legislative improvement—if a large portion of the wealth which has gone to conquer and govern India had gone to them. And this is India you have always—what you have not, to anything like the same extent, in the colonies—the element of the Unknown to reckon with. You are making an absolutely novel experiment. Even the history of Rome, in her dealings with the provinces—the only one which presents the slightest analogy—offers you no help. Things are continually springing up in India which show that you are surrounded by unknown dangers—dangers which may well make even those anxious who, like myself, attach no importance to some of the recognized and stock dangers which are periodically trotted out by alarmists.

I never read a description of a great ship steaming through a fog on the banks of Newfoundland when icebergs are known to be about without thinking of our government of India. We can do nothing except what the captain does in that case—get the keenest-eyed men in the ship to watch, and go right ahead. It is impossible not to see that things which we are promoting every day in India draw with them very great dangers; but still it is right to promote them, in the spirit of that noble passage of Lord Metcalfe, which I once quoted before in speaking of India, but which is worth repeating:—

"The world is governed by an irresistible Power, which giveth and taketh away dominion; and vain would be the impotent prudence of men against the operations of its almighty influence. All that rulers can do is to merit dominion by promoting the happiness of those under them. If we perform our duty in this respect, the gratitude of India and the admiration of the world will accompany our name through all ages, whatever may be the revolutions of futurity; but if we withhold blessings from our subjects from a selfish apprehension of possible danger at a remote period, we shall not deserve to keep our dominion; we shall merit that reverse which time has possibly in store for us, and shall fall with the mingled hatred and contempt, the hisses and execrations, of mankind."

You ask, fourthly, what I think would be the economical disadvantages of dropping India now, apart from moral and sentimental considerations, to which you naturally and properly attach "immense weight."

To that I reply, the thing would be absolutely impossible, however much you might desire it. Think first what conceivable arrangement could be made about the Indian debt, any interference with which would carry discomfort, not to say ruin, into so many British households. What arrangement could be made about the railways, as to which the same remark would apply? What about all the numerous creations of English capital in various parts of the country? How would you compensate all your servants whose careers would be destroyed by your abandonment of India? How would you pay the pensions of all of those who have served that country under your *regime*, and whose means of livelihood is largely derived from her revenues? How would you compensate the innumerable traders who would be so grievously prejudiced by your change of policy, as to have a good right to ask for compensation? No, putting moral and sentimental considerations entirely on one side, we are in for it, and must stick to it. I cannot conceive any one coming to an opposite conclusion, even if he took the gloomiest view possible, and had persuaded himself that Clive and Hastings had simply got their country into the most magnificent scrape recorded in history.

When we add the moral and sentimental considerations to these economical ones, we may be very sure that England will hold on to *India and to the perfect freedom of the Isthmus transit*, even if she had to go through such a strain in doing so as she did in the Napoleonic War.

I know that a certain kind of politicians believe that when the wage-receiving class knows its own strength, it will deliberately come to the conclusion that it is against its interests that we should stay in India, and instruct its representatives accordingly; but I believe that to be a complete delusion.

You inquire, fifthly, whether a personal view of India has affected my faith in the stability of our rule there, and in what way it has done so, and why.

To that I reply, it certainly *has* affected my opinion, and affected it favourably. Before I went to India I was more occupied with the obvious difficulties that beset our rule, difficulties which are brought home every day to any one before whose eyes the whole course of our Indian government passes from week to week, as it did for more than five years before mine. When I *was* travelling in the country, I was in the position of a spectator. I knew the difficulties of India were just the same, and that could be covered by the fire of the fort guns, and when the Mysore horsemen were swarming all over the quiet compounds which spread on every side of me. At Satara I thought of my father, sent with one single European to reduce to subjection, to reorganize, and to administer a country about as large as a third of Scotland, covered with armed men and filled with hill forts. In the Punjaub I bought of the desperate struggles by which we won it. At Surat I thought of our humble mercantile beginnings. Every place, in fact, to which I went had some history attached to it, which made me say, "Well, things are difficult enough, God knows, and new problems of all kinds are rising, but is there any reason to suppose that our sons will not be as equal to the solution of their new problems as our fathers were to that of the old?"

Then, when one actually sees our Indian officials in the middle of their work, they impress one very much more than they do when you see them in this country. The way in which men, even of moderate ability, are called out and ripened by early responsibility, and by the habit of command, is very wonderful, and must be seen to be understood. And these men, so individually efficient, for the most part, are linked together by the closest tie. They form one vast club, as has been very truly said, holding every military position of strength, and every civil position of importance, throughout a land which is covered by races which have no bond whatever to each other, and which, if the white faces were withdrawn to-morrow, would be instantly and actively engaged in cutting each other's throats, till the whole peninsula was one scene of desolation and blood.

Again, till one actually sees the natives in masses, one does not realize how great the gap between them and ourselves, considered as a whole, in fact is! We see in this country remarkable individuals—clever boys, who come over to push their fortunes; men of rank, who have had the strength of mind to set at nought the prejudices which oppose themselves to their

* The author of the following article has adhered so closely to the letter from the Editor to which he refers, that it may conduce to clearness to print it, although it was not written for publication:—

"First and foremost—I should like to know generally in what sort of ways India most strikes you as a benefit to England rather than a burden and a risk—I mean, of course, quite apart from the fact that it is ours now, and has to be made the best of. Is it a strength or a weakness to England, and why? Would it have been worth our while to take it, supposing we could have sat down beforehand to consider the matter by the light of the future? or would it have been better, so far as we can now foresee Imperial interests, to have let it alone? What, moreover, would be the economical disadvantages of dropping it now—apart from moral and sentimental considerations (to which I, for one, attach immense weight)?

"Becoming less vague, I should much like to know to what extent a personal view of India affects faith in the stability of our possession and rule there, and in what way it does so, and why. Then I should greatly like to know your own opinion as to the sort of *leaven* which we English are in India. Are we a leaven which shows any signs of leavening the whole enormous and overwhelming mass? and if so, in what special directions? In other words, if we were swept out of India to-morrow, how much of us would remain and be recollected, and for how long? Is there any sort of hope or prospect that if we stay there 500 years, what the Romans did for England may in any kind of similar way be done by us for India? Are we beginning to impress ourselves on the mind and life of India as Rome impressed herself on these islands? (or, considering the utter difference of a complex civilization instead of a total barbarism being already in possession, are we nothing but outsiders and foreigners and temporary visitors? (If the latter only, why would not India do just as well as a mere market for our traders, even if Russia had it?)

"I should much like to know whether the social attitude of the European to the native is as harsh as it is stated to be—and as I fancy it too much is; and, if so, what is the best way of discouraging it? Then I should like to know how *competition* is working—well or ill—especially in far-off stations? Also, what your own view is as to the *famines* and their best preventatives—whether irrigation, or railroads, or what? Also, to what extent public works not directly remunerative can be defended as reducing in the long run to economical advantage? Also, to what real extent the missionaries of any Christian sects have done any good? Also, what chances there are (if any at all) for any sort of *education* being set on foot amongst the great awful masses of the common people, who loom upon us here like countless swarms of flies—as black, as feeble, and as multitudinous—and yet all our 'flesh and blood?' Also whether the popular fancy that they are ineradicably *lying*, is true of 'natives?' Also, how far and in what way social and other native influences seem to affect Anglo-Indians?

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